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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 ON PAGE 116]

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND WE WELCOME
6 YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, AND IT'S
8 FEBRUARY 26TH. AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT ALMOST, WITHIN SECONDS,
9 THERE WILL BE A FULL COMPLEMENT-- OH, THERE IS A FULL
10 COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD. AND WE ALSO HAVE OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR
12 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'RE NOW GOING TO
13 BEGIN WITH OUR INVOCATION, LED BY DEACON MARK RACE, DEACON
14 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOS
15 ANGELES, IN THE GREAT SECOND DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE
16 OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY JACK NOLAN, MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION
17 POST 13 OF PASADENA, IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. IF YOU ARE ABLE,
18 PLEASE STAND.

19
20 **DEACON MARK RACE:** IF IT IS YOUR FAITH TRADITION, PLEASE BOW
21 YOUR HEADS. O GOD, IN YOUR GOODNESS AND WISDOM, YOU CHOSE
22 THESE WOMEN AND THIS MAN AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY
23 OF LOS ANGELES. HENCE, THERE MUST EXIST A CLOSE CONNECTION AND
24 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOU, O LORD, AND THOSE YOU HAVE CHOSEN,
25 SO THAT YOU AND THEY, IN A CERTAIN WAY, MAY MERGE INTO A

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1 UNITY, AND TEND TOWARDS THE SAME END IN CAREFULLY PLANNING AND
2 PREPARING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE. THE GOD OF
3 INFINITE LOVE, BY SPECIAL DISPENSATION, CHOOSES FOR HIMSELF
4 PEOPLE TO WHOM HE ENTRUSTS HIS PROMISES. WE ASK THEY GOVERN AS
5 THEY WOULD PRAY TO BE GOVERNED, THAT THEY GIVE OF THEMSELVES
6 WITHOUT COUNTING THE COST, THAT THEY MAY PARDON WITHOUT
7 SETTING CONDITIONS, THAT THEY SEEK PEACE WITHOUT DEMANDING
8 CONTROL OR POWER, THAT THERE IS NO PREFERENCE FOR THE RICH OR
9 THE POOR, THE YOUNG OR THE OLD, BUT ALL ARE TREATED AS HUMAN
10 BEINGS, SHARING THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES EQUALLY. MAY THEIR
11 HEARTS BE THE EXACT REFLECTION OF GOD'S HEART OF MERCY. AND
12 MAY GOD BLESS THIS BODY AND ALL THAT THEY SERVE. AMEN.

13
14 **JACK NOLAN:** LET'S ALL SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
15 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

16
17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FROM THE GREAT
18 SECOND.

19
20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
21 COLLEAGUES. I'D ASK THAT YOU JOIN ME IN WELCOMING DEACON MARK
22 RACE, AND THANK HIM FOR DELIVERING THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION.
23 DEACON RACE IS THE DEACON ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
24 CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES, AND HAS SERVED THE
25 CONGREGATION AND PARISH SINCE 2014. SOME WILL REMEMBER, AND

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1 ONE OF THE VIDEOS DURING OUR TOLLING OF THE BELLS ON THE 50TH
2 ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING, IT WAS
3 TRANSFIGURATION AND ITS GATHERING OF CONGREGANTS AND COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS WHO STOOD ON THAT FRONT STEPS OF THE CHURCH, ALONG
5 WITH CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON, AND SANG "WE SHALL OVERCOME,"
6 AND SENT A MESSAGE TO THE WHOLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS WAS
7 THE CASE IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS. AN APPROPRIATE CELEBRATION.
8 TRANSFIGURATION CONTINUES TO SET AN EXAMPLE. DEACON RACE BEGAN
9 HIS MINISTERIAL TRAINING IN THE YEAR OF 2001, AND WAS ORDAINED
10 IN 2007, AND HE HAS SERVED HIS CONGREGATION, AS WELL AS MANY
11 OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IN A VARIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND
12 ADVISORY POSITIONS, AND THEY INCLUDE DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUALITY
13 FOR THE DEACON MISSION CENTER, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF
14 THE LOS ANGELES PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY, AND COUNCILS FOR THE
15 ARCHBISHOP, PASTORAL, AND OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS. DEACON RACE
16 HAS HELD THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE COUNCIL
17 OF DEACONS AND AT ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTIAN
18 SERVICE PROGRAM, WHERE VOLUNTEERS PREPARE UP TO 100 MEALS A
19 DAY FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDS NOURISHMENT. HE IS THE FOUNDER AND
20 SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, A GROUP
21 THAT MINISTERS AND COMFORTS THE SICK AND THE GRAVELY ILL.
22 DEACON RACE HAS STATED THAT THERE IS NO HIGHER GOAL IN LIFE
23 THAN TO FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTHE THE NAKED, CARE FOR THE SICK,
24 AND VISIT THE IMPRISONED. HE AND HIS WIFE VICKI ARE COFOUNDERS
25 OF THE FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY CATHOLIC CANCER MINISTRY,

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1 WHICH HOSTS AN ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS TO PRAY FOR THE CURE
2 FOR CANCER. DEACON RACE, IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS THAT I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE
4 COMMUNITY AND IN THE CHURCH, AND FOR GIVING THE INVOCATION AT
5 THIS MORNING'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. LADIES AND
6 GENTLEMEN, PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO DEACON MARK
7 RACE. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. BARGER:** AND NOW, PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING PRIVATE FIRST
10 CLASS JACK NOLAN FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 THIS MORNING. PRIVATE NOLAN SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
12 FROM 1945 TO 1947, AND WAS LAST ASSIGNED TO THE 188TH MILITARY
13 POLICE COMPANY. HE SERVED IN ITALY AND WAS AWARDED THE VICTORY
14 MEDAL. HE ATTENDED DREXEL UNIVERSITY IN PHILADELPHIA,
15 PENNSYLVANIA. HE LIVES IN PASADENA AND IS A MEMBER OF THE
16 AMERICAN LEGION POST 13. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NOLAN, THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN THE
18 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND, MADAM
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
24 THE BOARD. COUNTY COUNSEL RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD MAKES A
25 FINDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(B)(2) THAT

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1 THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION, AND THAT THE NEED
2 FOR ACTION CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO
3 THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA, AND PLACE ON THE AGENDA AN
4 ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION CASE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER CS-1,
5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION;
6 INITIATION OF LITIGATION, TWO CASES. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS
7 BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE A MOTION? MOVED AND SECONDED.
10 THIS IS BEFORE US, COLLEAGUES. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
11 THE ORDER.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE'LL BEGIN THE AGENDA ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL
14 DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC HEARINGS. ON ITEM
16 1, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS
17 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 2, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH 26TH, 2019, AS INDICATED ON
20 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 3 WOULD BE HELD FOR PUBLIC
21 HEARING. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
22 ITEMS 4 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM 4, THIS INCLUDES REVISION, AS
23 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND A MEMBER OF THE
24 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, A
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON

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1 ITEM 8, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS INCLUDES A REVISION, AS INDICATED
3 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND RELATES TO ITEM 9. MEMBERS OF
4 THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
5 BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM 9, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS
6 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 12, A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE
8 10, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 14 THROUGH 20. ON ITEM 14,
9 15, AND 16, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
10 HELD. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
11 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, TO MARCH 12TH, 2019. ON PAGE 12, THIS
12 INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
13 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
14 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 18-A, SUPERVISOR
15 HAHN AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
16 HELD. ON ITEM 18-B, 18-C, 18-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
17 REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH
18 18-D ARE BEFORE YOU.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
21 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF THERE ARE
22 NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

23
24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 14, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
25 ITEM CS-3, THERE'S AN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE

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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM CS-4, THERE'S AN ADDITION, AS
2 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE
3 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS
4 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR THE FIRST
7 PRESENTATION.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT GIVES ME GREAT DELIGHT TO MAKE THIS
11 SPECIAL PRESENTATION AS WE CONTINUE OUR CELEBRATION OF BLACK
12 HISTORY MONTH. WE BEGAN IN A CONVERSATION AROUND THE ARTS. WE
13 MOVED TO A CONVERSATION ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND TRANSPORTATION.
14 LAST WEEK, WE CELEBRATED A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS ASPIRING IN HIS
15 OWN LEADERSHIP RIGHT, ACADEMICALLY AND ATHLETICALLY. AND TODAY
16 WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE
17 CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY, AND NOT ONLY IN
18 THE LOS ANGELES AREA, BUT WELL BEYOND. SO THIS MORNING, WE
19 HAVE THE HONOR OF SALUTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE, KEVIN C.
20 BRAZILE, AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE, ERIC C. TAYLOR. GIVE
21 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THESE GENTLEMEN ARE THE
22 FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN, IN TERMS OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE, AND
23 THE SECOND AFRICAN AMERICAN. THAT IS TO SAY, SIMULTANEOUSLY,
24 THESE ARE JUDGES THAT HOLD THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS IN THE
25 LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER OF 2018 THAT

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1 JUDGE BRAZILE AND JUDGE TAYLOR WERE ELECTED BY THEIR PEERS AS
2 THE PRESIDING AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGES, RESPECTIVELY.
3 THIS HISTORIC ELECTION SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE ESTEEM IN WHICH
4 THESE GENTLEMEN ARE HELD BY THEIR COLLEAGUES. IT SEEMS TO ME
5 THAT YOU'D APPRECIATE IN THEIR NEW ROLES. THEY WILL BE
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGETARY, AND
7 LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT.
8 PRESIDING JUDGE BRAZILE AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE TAYLOR
9 BOTH HAVE EXPANSIVE CAREERS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION, AND I'D
10 LIKE TO SHARE JUST A LITTLE BIT WITH YOU. JUDGE BRAZILE IS A
11 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, WITH A
12 BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND HE CONTINUED
13 HIS WORK AT U.C.L.A. TO COMPLETE HIS JURIS DOCTORATE. IT WAS
14 IN 2002 THAT GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS APPOINTED HIM TO THE BENCH,
15 AND HE'S BEEN THERE EVER SINCE, WORKING DILIGENTLY AND DOING
16 EXCEPTIONAL WORK. YOU WILL WISH TO KNOW PRIOR TO HIS
17 APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH, JUDGE BRAZILE WAS AN ATTORNEY IN THE
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. [APPLAUSE.] YEP, THAT'S
19 RIGHT. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. YEAH, RIGHT. DEMOCRACY ON
20 FULL DISPLAY HERE, JUDGE. AND SO WE'RE GOING TO TELL YOU HOW
21 WE MANAGE DEMOCRACY IN A MOMENT, IF YOU DON'T SETTLE DOWN,
22 SIR. SO, PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH-- SERGEANT,
23 SOMEONE NEEDS A LITTLE ASSISTANCE HERE. THANK YOU. WE DON'T
24 TOLERATE DISRUPTION WHEN WE ARE HONORING SOMEONE DURING THIS
25 CEREMONY. JUDGE BRAZILE WAS AN ATTORNEY IN THAT OFFICE, WHERE

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1 HE RESPECTED THE BROWN ACT AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION,
2 [LAUGHTER.] WHERE HIS PRACTICE INCLUDED PERSONAL INJURY,
3 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION, AND FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS
4 LITIGATION. HE WAS A DIVISION CHIEF OF THE GENERAL TORT
5 LITIGATION SECTION, AND SERVED AS AN IN-HOUSE LEGAL ADVISOR TO
6 L.A.'S SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, FOR THE JAIL AND CUSTODY
7 DIVISION. HE HAS PREPARED AND ARGUED BEFORE THE SECOND
8 DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS AND THE NINTH CIRCUIT DISTRICT COURT
9 OF APPEALS, AND WON CONNECTICUT VERSUS GABBERT BEFORE THE U.S.
10 SUPREME COURT. I DID SAY BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT.
11 [APPLAUSE.] CONN VERSUS GABBERT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN HIS
12 OVER 15 YEARS ON THE BENCH, HE HAS PRESIDED OVER COMPLEX
13 CIVIL/LEGAL ISSUES, SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION,
14 INTERNATIONAL, AND A RANGE OF NEGLIGENT PERSONAL INJURY TORTS,
15 WRONGFUL DEATH ACTIONS, BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIMS, AS WELL AS
16 MEDICAL AND LEGAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS. HE HAS HELD NUMEROUS
17 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, SUCH
18 AS ASSISTANT SUPERVISING JUDGE OF CIVIL, SUPERVISING JUDGE OF
19 CIVIL, AND SITE JUDGE OF WEST COVINA COURTHOUSE. SO, JUDGE--
20 ALL RIGHT, WEST COVINA, WE'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE DAP RIGHT
21 THERE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. [LAUGHTER.] HE'S BEEN AROUND TOWN.
22 AND SO JUDGE BRAZILE CONTINUES TO BE A TRAILBLAZER IN THE
23 LEGAL COMMUNITY. PRIOR TO HIS CURRENT ELECTION, HE WAS ELECTED
24 AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE. HE IS
25 A TRUE HISTORY-MAKER. WE CELEBRATE HIM FOR THAT. PLEASE GIVE

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1 JUDGE KEVIN BRAZILE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] JUDGE
2 ERIC TAYLOR HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM DARTMOUTH COLLEGE,
3 AND A JURIS DOCTORATE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
4 SCHOOL OF LAW. HE'S ALSO NO STRANGER TO MAKING HISTORY. IT WAS
5 IN 1998 HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE BENCH BY GOVERNOR PETE WILSON,
6 MAKING HIM THE SECOND YOUNGEST JUDICIAL OFFICER EVER
7 APPOINTED. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH, JUDGE TAYLOR
8 WORKED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL-- GIVE
9 HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE-- [APPLAUSE.] AS A DEPUTY COUNTY
10 COUNSEL AND PRACTICING IN THE CIVIL LITIGATION DIVISION IN THE
11 SHERIFF'S CIVIL DEFENSE, AS WELL AS IN PUBLIC WORKS. HE WAS
12 ALSO A LITIGATION ASSOCIATE AT TWO WELL-RESPECTED LAW FIRMS.
13 IN HIS OVER 20 YEARS ON THE BENCH, JUDGE TAYLOR HAS SERVED
14 TWICE AS THE SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT, AND
15 ON NUMEROUS L.A. SUPERIOR COURT COMMITTEES, SUCH AS BENCH-BAR
16 OUTREACH, CIVIL GRAND JURY, THE LEGISLATIVE WORK OF THE COURT,
17 AS WELL AS FAMILY AND SECURITY. HE HAS HELD NUMEROUS STATEWIDE
18 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, SUCH AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA
19 JUDGES ASSOCIATION, AND AS ADVISORY MEMBER TO THE CALIFORNIA
20 JUDICIAL COUNCIL. AS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED, THEIR RECENT
21 ELECTIONS MARK A SIGNIFICANT EXAMPLE HOW, WITH PASSION, WITH
22 DETERMINATION, HARD WORK, AND OPPORTUNITY, YOU CAN BLAZE
23 TRAILS AND ACHIEVE THE DREAMS OF YOUR INTELLECTUAL, AS WELL AS
24 YOUR HEART'S, DESIRE. AND SO WE SAY TO PRESIDING JUDGE BRAZILE
25 AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE TAYLOR, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE

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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND TO THE GRATEFUL COMMUNITY AND COUNTY
2 COUNSEL, AND THE RANGE OF THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM OVER
3 THE LAST TWO DECADES AND MORE, THAT WE WISH TO COMMEND YOU ON
4 YOUR HISTORIC ELECTION AND YOUR STELLAR CAREER IN THE LEGAL
5 COMMUNITY AND BEYOND. WE SAY TO YOU THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU
6 HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO TO IMPROVE THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM
7 ACROSS THE STATE AND ACROSS THE NATION. LET'S GIVE THESE
8 HISTORY-MAKERS A LOUD ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] ALL
9 RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS COME AND JOIN OUR HISTORY-MAKERS IN A PHOTO. THANK
11 YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND LET'S FOCUS OUR
12 THOUGHTS.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW I'M GOING TO ASK OUR HONOREES IF THEY
15 WOULD JUST SAY A WORD, INTRODUCE THEIR SPECIAL GUESTS.
16 ORDINARILY, WE GET THROUGH THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUCH
17 MORE SMOOTHLY AND A LITTLE MORE COMFORTABLY. I'M ALMOST
18 TEMPTED TO APOLOGIZE TO THESE HISTORY-MAKERS FOR THIS
19 UNNECESSARILY RUDE BEHAVIOR. DEMOCRACY BEING WHAT IT IS, TAKE
20 NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THESE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE DOING THEIR
21 JOB AS GRACEFULLY AND AS RESPECTFULLY AS POSSIBLE. I'LL LEAVE
22 IT AT THAT, AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I JUST WISH TO SAY THAT
23 BOTH JUDGE BRAZILE AND JUDGE TAYLOR DESERVE OUR RESPECT. THEY
24 DESERVE AN OPPORTUNITY-- [APPLAUSE.] AND IF YOU DON'T MIND MY
25 SAYING SO, WHEN WE DIFFER... MY GRANDMOTHER ALWAYS TOLD ME

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1 THERE'S A TIME AND PLACE FOR EVERYTHING. TOMORROW I MIGHT BE
2 DIFFERING WITH THEM. BUT TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THEM. THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH. LET'S HEAR FROM OUR HONORED GUESTS. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **HON. KEVIN BRAZILE:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT IS VERY
6 HUMBLING AND JUST SUCH AN HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY. I WANT TO
7 THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING ME AND MY
8 GOOD FRIEND JUDGE ERIC TAYLOR. AND I LOOK OUT IN THE AUDIENCE
9 AND I SEE ALL MY GOOD FRIENDS FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
10 OFFICE. AND I MUST SAY, I WORKED FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
11 OFFICE FOR 18 YEARS, AND IT WAS TRULY A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH
12 THE OFFICE, TO WORK FOR THE BOARD, TO SERVE THE BOARD. MANY OF
13 THE BOARD MEMBERS I'VE ADMIRER FOR MY ENTIRE CAREER. THEY'VE
14 TAUGHT ME. AND WHEN I SAY "TAUGHT ME," WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
15 ENTIRE BOARD HERE. THEY'VE TAUGHT ME WHAT IT IS TO BE, IN
16 TERMS OF DEDICATION, HARD WORK, AND, MOST OF ALL, LEADERSHIP.
17 MY EXPERIENCES HERE IN COUNTY COUNSEL, WORKING AND SERVING THE
18 BOARD, HAS ALLOWED ME TO GO ON TO BE A LEADER AMONG JUDGES.
19 IT'S TAKEN 100 YEARS TO GET TO THIS POINT, BUT WE MADE IT. AND
20 THE FACT THAT I'M HERE WITH MY GOOD FRIEND ERIC TAYLOR, AS WE
21 TAKE THIS RIDE TOGETHER, THIS JOURNEY, I'M SO HAPPY. AND I
22 HAVE TO THANK THE JUDGES OF THE L.A. SUPERIOR COURT, WHO ARE
23 THE BEST OF THE BEST, ALL 509 JUDGES, 72 COMMISSIONERS. THEY
24 DO EXCELLENT WORK. THEY MAKE SURE WE HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO
25 JUSTICE. I'M SO VERY PROUD OF THEM. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK

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1 THIS BOARD FOR BEING A JUSTICE PARTNER WITH OUR COURT, WORKING
2 WITH OUR COURT, SUPPORTING OUR COURT. AND I HAVE TO SAY TO MY
3 GOOD FRIEND KATHRYN BARGER, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR OUR 25-PLUS
4 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP, FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE, FOR ALWAYS
5 ENCOURAGING ME, AND FOR SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
6 JUST BEING A TRUE ROLE MODEL, ALWAYS ENCOURAGING ME AND ALWAYS
7 BEING THERE FOR ME. BECAUSE TO GET TO THIS POINT, YOU DON'T DO
8 IT BY YOURSELF. YOU DO IT WITH HELP AND THE SUPPORT OF SO MANY
9 OTHERS. SO TODAY I STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE BOARD
10 MEMBERS, WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR COUNTY, WHO HAVE DONE
11 SO MUCH FOR ME, AND WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH AND MADE A
12 DIFFERENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **HON. ERIC C. TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE BACK
16 HOME AT THE COUNTY. AND I DO CALL THIS MY HOME, BECAUSE THIS
17 IS WHERE SO MANY GREAT LAWYERS HELPED TO GIVE ME A START,
18 INCLUDING KEVIN. HE'S TALKED ABOUT STANDING ON SHOULDERS OF
19 OTHER PEOPLE. FOLLOWING KEVIN IS, I MEAN, FOLLOWING A TRUE
20 GIANT. AND AS THE ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE, WHAT YOU
21 TYPICALLY SAY IS, "EVERYTHING HE SAID IS RIGHT." BUT I DO
22 WANT TO ADD ONE THING, THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE
23 DEDICATED TO DO IS TO SHOW YOUNG KIDS WHO ARE LIKE US, GROWING
24 UP IN LOS ANGELES, IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THAT YOU CAN DO
25 ANYTHING. NOT JUST BE THE FIRST, BUT THERE'S NO LIMIT TO IT.

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1 YOU CAN BE THE SECOND, THIRD, THERE IS NO MORE BARRIER. AND WE
2 WANT TO TAKE THAT MESSAGE ACROSS LOS ANGELES AND THROUGHOUT
3 THE STATE. IT'S JUST A PLEASURE TO BE HERE. THANK YOU TO THE
4 BOARD. YOU'RE ALL SO WONDERFUL. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS, FOR PRESENTING US THIS TODAY. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL
6 MY COUNTY COUNSEL COLLEAGUES THAT ARE HERE, AND ALL MY FAMILY
7 AND FRIENDS. WITHOUT YOU, WE COULDN'T DO THE THINGS THAT WE
8 DO. AND SO I SO MUCH APPRECIATE THIS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE
11 AGAIN LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DALILA LYONS. GIVE HER
12 A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. JUDGE LYONS. THANK YOU. AND APPROPRIATE
13 ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS CERTAINLY DUE TO JUDGE BRAZILE'S BOSS, THE
14 ONE AND ONLY NITRA BRAZILE. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
15 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CONTINUING ON WITH THE JUSTICE THEME HERE
18 THIS MORNING, OUR NEXT PRESENTATION IS SPECIAL BUT A BIT SAD
19 FOR ALL OF US. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE OUR
20 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, MY FRIEND JANICE FUKAI. [APPLAUSE.]
21 AND AFTER 39 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
22 SHE WILL BE EMBARKING ON A NEW CHAPTER IN HER LIFE. AND WHILE
23 WE'RE CERTAINLY SAD TO SEE HER GO, I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT--
24 WE ALL DID-- TO HONOR HER WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. JANICE
25 STARTED WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN 1980 WITH THE PUBLIC

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1 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, WHERE SHE ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO SENIOR
2 TRIAL DEPUTY AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PUBLIC DEFENDER WILBUR
3 LITTLEFIELD. SHE'S THE VERY MODEL OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER. SHE'S
4 COMPASSIONATE, SHE'S UNDERSTANDING, AND SHE'S A FIERCE
5 ADVOCATE FOR HER CLIENTS. HER WORK WAS NOTICED BY AUTHOR JOAN
6 HEWITT, WHO PUT JANICE ON THE FRONT COVER OF HER BOOK, CALLED
7 "PUBLIC DEFENDER: LAWYER FOR THE PEOPLE." IN 1993, THE BOARD
8 CREATED THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, AND JANICE
9 BECAME ITS FIRST CHIEF DEPUTY. AND IN 2002, THE BOARD
10 APPOINTED HER TO BE THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE
11 FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO SERVE AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD IN
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.] IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE
13 WAITED TILL 2002 TO MAKE THAT FIRST. SHE CREATED A CULTURE IN
14 THE A.P.D. THAT BRINGS A SENSE OF URGENCY AND PURPOSE TO THE
15 IMPORTANT WORK THAT THEY DO EVERY SINGLE DAY, AND THAT IS A
16 TREMENDOUS LEGACY. FROM SOME OF THE PHOTOS, YOU CAN TELL
17 JANICE AND I HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE HER FATHER, MAS
18 FUKAI, WAS MY FATHER'S CHIEF OF STAFF WHEN HE WAS A COUNTY
19 SUPERVISOR, AND OUR FAMILIES SHARED MANY MEMORIES GROWING UP.
20 THERE'S A PHOTO THERE OF MY PARENTS ATTENDING YOUR GRADUATION
21 PARTY. THAT'S VERY SWEET. I HOPE THEY CAME TO MINE.
22 [LAUGHTER.] YOU KNOW, JUST RECENTLY, OF COURSE, WE ADJOURNED
23 OUR COUNTY BOARD MEETING IN HONOR OF YOUR SWEET MOTHER. WE
24 KNEW HER AS LILY. AND SHE AND YOUR FATHER BOTH WERE, AGAIN,
25 DEAR FRIENDS OF MY PARENTS, AND HAD SUCH A LEGACY OF THEIR

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1 OWN. I'M SO PROUD TO HAVE GOTTEN TO FINALLY WORK WITH YOU,
2 ONLY FOR THE LAST 2-1/2 YEARS, BUT YOU ARE TRULY A LAWYER FOR
3 THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR THE 39 YEARS OF HARD WORK AND
4 DEDICATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PLEASE GIVE
5 ANOTHER WARM APPLAUSE FOR JANICE FUKAI. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **JANICE FUKAI:** YOU KNOW, I REALLY DID WANT TO LEAVE QUIETLY AND
8 WITHOUT FANFARE, BUT SILLY ME. BUT WHAT I CAN SAY IS THAT,
9 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT
10 THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, I KNOW AT THIS VERY
11 MOMENT THAT KENNY AND RAMONA HAHN AND MAS AND YURI FUKAI ARE
12 TOGETHER AND VERY PROUD OF BOTH OF US. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH
13 FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE.] TO OUR HISTORIC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
14 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PASSION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSION. YOU
15 ARE A BOARD THAT, WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY. AND
16 IT'S BEEN THE HONOR OF MY LIFE TO SERVE YOU. THANK YOU VERY
17 MUCH FOR THAT. SACHI AND YOUR STAFF, MARY AND YOUR STAFF,
18 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FELLOW DEPARTMENT HEADS, JUSTICE
19 PARTNERS, THE COURT, A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
20 PRESIDING AND ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGES, BRAZILE AND TAYLOR.
21 I KNOW THEM PERSONALLY, AND THEY ARE GOING TO BE GREAT. I ALSO
22 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY FAMILY WHO'S HERE: MY BROTHER RICK,
23 IRIS, STEPHANIE, LAUREN, CHARLES, ZELDA. LET'S SEE. AND, OF
24 COURSE, MADDEN, MY GRAND-NEPHEW. GARRETT'S HERE, TOO, AND
25 MAYBE BOBBY AND JAMES MADE IT, AS WELL. BUT THANK YOU, GUYS,

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1 FOR BEING HERE. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT MY NIECE LAUREN
2 FUKAI IS A PARALEGAL WITH RICARDO GARCIA, OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER,
3 WHO'S ALSO HERE. SO THANK YOU, RICARDO, FOR BEING HERE. THANK
4 YOU, MARK DELGADO, FOR BEING HERE. YOU GUYS ARE ALWAYS HERE
5 FOR ME, AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT. AND FINALLY, TO MY
6 A.P.D. FAMILY: YOU KNOW, I HIRED EVERY ONE OF YOU. FOR THOSE
7 OF YOU THAT COULD MAKE IT, I'M SURPRISED. YOU SHOULD BE IN
8 COURT. [LAUGHTER.] BUT I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE HERE. I'VE
9 WATCHED YOU GROW AND I COULD NOT BE PROUDER OF EACH ONE OF
10 YOU, REALLY. AND AS I ALWAYS TELL YOU, YOU ARE FULLY EQUIPPED
11 TO TAKE OUR OFFICE FORWARD, AND WITH GREATER SUCCESS, AND FOR
12 MANY YEARS TO COME. SO JUST TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER, TAKE CARE
13 OF OUR OFFICE, AND TODAY SUPPORT YOUR SOON-TO-BE ACTING A.P.D.
14 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WAY TO GO, A.P.D. THANK YOU.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR? WELL, LET'S TAKE A PICTURE FIRST.
18 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE JANICE.
19 SHE'S BEEN AN INSPIRATION. SHE'S DEDICATED 17 YEARS OF HER
20 LIFE AT THE HELM OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE,
21 AND WE ALL TAKE NOTICE OF THAT. YOU ARE A FIERCE PERSON TO
22 RECKON WITH, IN TERMS OF YOUR LEGITIMACY AND YOUR OUTSTANDING
23 AND UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND FOR OUR
24 RESIDENTS. SO I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU PERSONALLY, AND JUST SAY
25 THANK YOU FOR THE MANY, MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. YOU'VE HELPED

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1 TO BUILD A LEGACY FOR OTHERS TO STAND ON, AND IT'S REFLECTED
2 IN YOUR WORKFORCE. SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, AND BEST
3 WISHES TO YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** IT IS MY TURN, AND WE HAVE GUESTS BEARING GIFTS.
6 EVERYONE IS GOING TO BE HAPPY. IT'S A COMFORT FOOD THAT WILL
7 MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD. WHEN IT COMES TO THE ICE CREAM BUSINESS,
8 THE FOSSELMAN FAMILY CERTAINLY HAS THE INSIDE SCOOP. THERE YOU
9 GO. THAT WAS TONY BELL. THIS IS FOR YOU. NOW CELEBRATING 100
10 YEARS IN OPERATION, FOSSELMAN'S ICE CREAM COMPANY WAS STARTED
11 EVEN BEFORE MECHANICAL REFRIGERATORS EXISTED. THE COMPANY WAS
12 FOUNDED IN 1919 BY BEER AND SODA POP ENTREPRENEUR CHRISTIAN
13 ANTHONY FOSSELMAN, AND REMAINS FAMILY-OWNED AND OPERATED TO
14 THIS DAY BY THIRD-GENERATION OWNERS CHRIS AND JOHN. OVER THE
15 YEARS, THE BUSINESS HAS MADE IT THROUGH ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS,
16 INCLUDING THE GREAT DEPRESSION, BY LEARNING TO DIVERSIFY
17 OPERATIONS WHILE MAINTAINING HIGH STANDARDS. DESPITE CHANGES
18 LIKE EXPANDING FROM A RETAIL SHOP TO A WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR,
19 FOSSELMAN'S NEVER ABANDONED ITS COMMITMENT TO USING QUALITY
20 LOCAL INGREDIENTS AND PRODUCING SMALL, HANDMADE BATCHES,
21 CREATING 200-PLUS FLAVOR PROFILES WORTH MELTING FOR. IN
22 ADDITION TO PERFECTING TRADITIONAL TREATS, THEY'VE ALSO
23 GOTTEN CREATIVE TO REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE SAN GABRIEL
24 VALLEY, WITH FLAVORS LIKE MATCHA GREEN TEA, BLACK SESAME,
25 DULCE DE LECHE, AND HORCHATA, WHICH THE HORCHATA IS REALLY,

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1 REALLY, REALLY GOOD. FOSSELMAN'S HAS EXPANDED ITS REACH TO
2 OVER 600 OUTLETS, AS FAR AS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA,
3 TEXAS, AND COLORADO, AND THEIR SOFT-SERVE IS FEATURED AT THE
4 COUNTER RESTAURANT, THE MELT, AND 42 DIFFERENT DOG HAUS
5 RESTAURANTS. THE COMPANY IS THE OLDEST OPERATING BUSINESS IN
6 ALHAMBRA, SETTING UP SHOP IN THEIR CURRENT LOCATION IN 1941,
7 AND HAS BECOME A TRADITION FOR GENERATIONS, INCLUDING MINE. I
8 WAS TELLING THEM MY FATHER'S FAVORITE WAS LEMON CUSTARD, AND I
9 REMEMBER THAT WAS A BIG DEAL. AND THEN WE KNEW THANKSGIVING
10 WAS HERE WHEN Y'ALL HAD YOUR PUMPKIN ICE CREAM. IT'S NOT
11 UNCOMMON THAT LONGTIME PATRONS WILL POP IN WITH THEIR CHILDREN
12 AND GRANDCHILDREN FOR A SWEET TREAT. AS THE WHOLESALE
13 DISTRIBUTION RAPIDLY EXPANDS AFTER 100 YEARS OF BUSINESS,
14 FOSSELMAN'S REMAINS A COMPANY WITH LOCAL ROOTS AND BIG TASTE.
15 AND IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY, THEY'RE GIVING BACK TO THEIR
16 COMMUNITY, WHICH THEY HAVE CONTINUALLY DONE. IT JUST AMAZES
17 ME. ON APRIL 6TH, THEY'LL BE DONATING ICE CREAM SUNDAES TO THE
18 FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS OF THE HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL BLOOD DRIVE,
19 AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ALHAMBRA CHARITIES RAMONA
20 CONVENT, ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL, AND ALL SOULS, THROUGHOUT THE
21 REST OF THE YEAR. ICE CREAM LOVERS CAN ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO
22 SPECIAL DISCOUNTS THROUGHOUT 2019 FOR DIFFERENT NATIONAL
23 HOLIDAYS, INCLUDING NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY AND OTHER DAYS
24 DEDICATED TO ICE CREAM SODA, HOT FUDGE SUNDAES, ICE CREAM
25 SANDWICHES, MILK SHAKES, AND ROOT BEER FLOATS, THE LAST DAY IN

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1 HONOR OF CHRIS AND JOHN'S DAD, BOB FOSSELMAN. AS WE CELEBRATE
2 GENERATIONS OF QUALITY CREAMISTRY-- IS THERE SUCH A WORD?
3 WELL, THERE YOU GO. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHRIS AND JOHN
4 FOSSELMAN, AND FOSSELMAN'S PATRONS, OLD AND NEW-- AND I THINK
5 I FALL UNDER THE OLD CATEGORY NOW-- FOR KEEPING THIS COMMUNITY
6 TRADITION ALIVE. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA
7 OF ALHAMBRA, IT IS WORTH STOPPING BY. IT IS AN OLD-SCHOOL ICE
8 CREAM PARLOR, AND THE FLAVORS THEY'VE GOT WILL KEEP YOU COMING
9 BACK FOR MORE. SO WITH THAT, WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR 100-
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. WE LOOK FORWARD. I WON'T BE HERE IN ANOTHER
11 100 YEARS, BUT WE'LL MAKE SURE THE NEXT GENERATION WE'LL HONOR
12 AT THE BOARD. BUT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING? [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER AND THE REST OF THE
15 BOARD. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU HAVING US HERE. THERE WAS A
16 REASON WHY MY GRANDFATHER STARTED THE BUSINESS IN 1919, IN
17 WAVERLY, IOWA. HE REALIZED VERY QUICKLY THAT IOWA WAS NOT THE
18 PLACE TO SELL ICE CREAM; L.A. COUNTY WAS. SO WE CAME OUT IN
19 1921, AND WE'VE BEEN SUPPORTED BY ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS. WE
20 HAVE PHENOMENAL RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, COUNTRY CLUBS, RETIREMENT
21 HOMES THAT WE SELL TO IN ALL YOUR DISTRICTS. WE'VE HAD THE
22 BLESSING OF, YOU KNOW, OUR ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY, WHO
23 HAS SUPPORTED US FOR OVER 100 YEARS, NOT ONLY AS PATRONS, BUT
24 AS EMPLOYEES. WE'VE HAD THOUSANDS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
25 KIDS THAT HAVE WORKED FOR US, AND A LOT OF OLDER GUYS THAT

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1 WORK FOR US IN OUR PRODUCTION FACILITY NOW. SO WE OWE IT TO
2 THE COMMUNITY FOR HAVING US AND SUPPORTING US, AND WE HOPE TO
3 BE HERE IN ANOTHER 100 YEARS. SO THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.
4 APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN THEY BROUGHT ICE CREAM SANDWICHES, AND
7 WE'VE GOT SOME IN THE BACK, AND IF ANYONE WANTS ONE UP HERE,
8 RAISE YOUR HAND. I KNOW WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO EAT IN THE
9 BOARDROOM, BUT WE'LL MAKE EXCEPTIONS. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU.
10 THE ICE CREAM SANDWICHES ARE PHENOMENAL, AS WELL. THANK YOU.
11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** NOW I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MOLLY YO. I DON'T
14 KNOW WHERE THEY GOT THE NAME, BUT OKAY. THIS IS A DACHSHUND-
15 CHIHUAHUA MIX, AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER:
16 562-728-4610. LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME. I WOULD HIGHLY
17 ENCOURAGE YOU TO EITHER GO TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS, OR GO
18 ONLINE. YOU WILL NEVER REGRET IT. THEY ARE THE SWEETEST. MY
19 SISTER-IN-LAW ACTUALLY ADOPTED THE ONE LAST WEEK. SO I KNOW
20 FIRSTHAND THAT THEY ALWAYS KNOW WHEN THEY'RE RESCUED. AND THIS
21 IS JACK SPADE. JACK SPADE IS A DOMESTIC SHORTHAIIR MALE, ALSO
22 AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER: 562-728-4610. I
23 DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR HIM PURRING, BUT HE IS PURRING.
24 THERE ARE SO MANY KITTENS THAT NEED FOREVER HOMES, AND I WOULD

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1 ENCOURAGE YOU ALSO TO GO ONLINE. I KNOW. OH, LORD. ANYWAY,
2 THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S ENOUGH. THAT CAT LOVES YOU. IT WANTS
5 YOU. IT WANTS YOU TO TAKE IT HOME. OKAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
6 YOU'RE THE NEXT PRESENTATION.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AND AGAIN, THANK
9 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR ALLOWING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE
10 THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION. WE ARE CELEBRATING THE D.C.B.A.'S
11 L.A. SAVES WEEK. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS WE'RE ACTUALLY TALKING
12 ABOUT PROVIDING A CAMPAIGN ON A LARGE SCALE ACROSS THE
13 COUNTRY, THAT HELPS TO REMIND US TO SAVE: SAVE MONEY, PUT
14 FUNDS AWAY FOR SPECIFIC REASONS. AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
15 JOINING ME HERE TODAY ARE D.C.B.A. DIRECTOR JOE NICCHITTA; THE
16 CENTER OF THE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CHIEF, DONESHA SMITH;
17 MARIA SALINAS DURON, WHO I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A LONG TIME, A GOOD
18 FRIEND, FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION; AND
19 CHUNG YEN CHEN, FROM THE ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND. IT
20 REALLY DOES TAKE A COMMUNITY TO BRING ABOUT AWARENESS, BECAUSE
21 THIS IS A WONDERFUL CAMPAIGN. THIS IS A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO
22 PROMOTE AND SUPPORT LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO SAVE
23 MONEY, REDUCE DEBT, AND HOPEFULLY BUILD WEALTH. L.A. SAVES WAS
24 LAUNCHED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION'S LOS
25 ANGELES ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC INCLUSION, BETTER KNOWN AS

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1 A.E.I. THE A.E.I. IS A COALITION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS,
2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHO
3 ALL SEEK TO FOSTER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR LOW-INCOME AND
4 MODERATELY LOW-INCOME PEOPLE AND SMALL BUSINESSES. ACCORDING
5 TO A 2019 PROSPERITY NOW SCORECARD, 10 PERCENT OF COUNTY
6 RESIDENTS HAVE NO BANK ACCOUNT. WHERE ARE THEY PUTTING THAT
7 MONEY? I HAVE TO ASK MYSELF. WITH THE INCREASING COSTS OF
8 LIVING, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALSO DEVELOP GOOD SAVING HABITS
9 SO WE HAVE A CUSHION TO WITHSTAND A FINANCIAL STORM, AND ARE
10 PREPARED FOR MILESTONE EXPENSES SUCH AS COLLEGE TUITION. I
11 WANT TO THANK OUR PARTNERS HERE TODAY, THE ALLIANCE FOR
12 ECONOMIC INCLUSION, AND OUR OWN CENTER FOR FINANCIAL
13 EMPOWERMENT, FOR PARTNERING WITH L.A. SAVES TO HELP AMPLIFY
14 THIS MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY.
15 I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR DIRECTOR, JOE NICCHITTA, TO PLEASE SAY A
16 FEW WORDS AND INTRODUCE OUR GUESTS.

17

18 **JOE NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, FOR DECLARING THIS WEEK
20 L.A. SAVES WEEK IN L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO GET A ROUND OF
21 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THE REASON I ASK YOU TO CLAP IS BECAUSE
22 ASKING PEOPLE TO SAVE THEIR MONEY ISN'T THE SEXIEST MESSAGE.
23 COMPANIES ARE MORE INTERESTED IN GETTING YOU TO SPEND YOUR
24 MONEY, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM MANY ADS, AND YOU DON'T SEE THE
25 "SAVE YOUR MONEY" SUPER BOWL AD COMING AROUND ANYTIME SOON.

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1 BUT SAVING IS SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE HAVING A NEST EGG, AS THE
2 SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, EVEN A SMALL ONE, CAN HAVE PROFOUND
3 BENEFITS. THE URBAN INSTITUTE FOUND THAT FAMILIES WITH AS
4 LITTLE AS \$250 TO \$749 IN SAVINGS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE
5 EVICTED, MISS A HOUSING OR UTILITY PAYMENT, OR RECEIVE PUBLIC
6 BENEFITS AFTER A JOB LOSS, HEALTH ISSUE, OR LARGE INCOME DROP.
7 SO IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT TO SET YOU ON THE PATH FOR FINANCIAL
8 INDEPENDENCE. AND IN FACT, THESE FAMILIES ARE ALSO LESS LIKELY
9 TO TAKE OUT A PAYDAY LOAN, WHICH THIS BOARD IS VERY CONCERNED
10 ABOUT AT THIS TIME. AND THAT'S WHY I'M SO APPRECIATIVE OF OUR
11 PARTNERS AT L.A. SAVES AND THE ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND,
12 MS. CHUNG YEN CHEN; AND AT THE F.D.I.C., MS. MARY DURON; AND
13 ALSO OUR OWN CENTER FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT, DONESHA SMITH,
14 OUR CHIEF; AND ALEJANDRA RODRIGUEZ, OUR SUPPORT STAFF. THANK
15 YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS. I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT ONE THING
16 BEFORE I STOP TALKING. E.I.T.C. TIME. IT IS TAX SEASON. WE
17 HAVE THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE TO LOW- AND
18 MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES. YOU SHOULD CLAIM YOUR E.I.T.C. YOU
19 CAN GET A REFUND OF UP TO \$9,310 THIS TAX SEASON, AND THAT
20 COULD REALLY HELP YOU JUMPSTART YOUR SAVINGS. L.A. SAVES WILL
21 HOLD EVENTS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY BETWEEN FEBRUARY 25TH AND
22 MARCH 2ND AT NUMEROUS LIBRARIES. YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE,
23 DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV, TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY WILL BE, AND TAKE
24 THE L.A. SAVES PLEDGE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR PARTNERS
25 AND TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE ENTIRE BOARD. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY I HAVE THE HONOR OF
3 RECOGNIZING FOSTER YOUTH: THE FOSTER YOUTH MUSEUM. IT'S A
4 UNIQUE ORGANIZATION THAT IS DOING INCREDIBLE WORK WITH OUR
5 FOSTER YOUTH. AND I HAVE WITH ME JAMIE LEE EVANS, THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHAEL VALENZUELA, DOMINIQUE ROSS, AND
7 OTHER FOSTER YOUTH WHO HAVE JOINED US. IF YOU LOOK BEHIND,
8 THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY WHERE YOU WILL SEE SOME VERY, VERY
9 INTERESTING ARTWORK THAT'S BEEN PRODUCED BY THESE YOUNG
10 PEOPLE. YOU'LL SEE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR ARTWORK CURRENTLY ON
11 DISPLAY AT THE FOSTER YOUTH MUSEUM EXHIBIT, CALLED "SEE ME:
12 PORTRAITS OF FOSTER YOUTH." THE FOSTER YOUTH MUSEUM BEGAN IN
13 2006, AND IS THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF ART AND ARTIFACTS AND
14 VIDEO PORTRAITS ABOUT YOUTH EXPERIENCES IN FOSTER CARE.
15 EXHIBITS ARE CURATED BY CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WITH
16 THE HOPES OF SHARING THEIR STORIES, THEIR DREAMS, THEIR
17 ASPIRATIONS, AND PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONGST EACH
18 OTHER. RECENTLY, MY STAFF HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE
19 CURRENT EXHIBITION AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, WHICH IS LOCATED
20 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. "TO SEE ME: PORTRAITS OF FOSTER YOUTH"
21 IS AN EXHIBIT MADE UP OF 17 DIFFERENT STORIES OF FOSTER YOUTH
22 PLANNING TO ATTEND COLLEGE, OR ARE IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION,
23 OR HAVE ALREADY GRADUATED FROM A UNIVERSITY. THAT DESERVES A
24 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, BECAUSE THAT IS LAUDABLE. THAT'S WHAT WE
25 WANT TO PROMOTE. [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO THANK MS. EVANS AND HER

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1 TEAM FOR BRINGING THESE STORIES TO LIGHT, AND FOR RAISING
2 AWARENESS ABOUT FOSTER YOUTH ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION,
3 SOMETHING THAT ALL OF US SHOULD NOT TAKE FOR GRANTED. THESE
4 YOUNG PEOPLE FACE SO MANY UNIQUE OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS AND
5 CHALLENGES, BUT THAT ISN'T GOING TO DEFEAT THEM. THAT'S WHY
6 WE'RE HERE TO PROMOTE THEM AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN THEIR
7 ARTWORK, AND TO SHOWCASE THEIR SUCCESS. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE
8 TO HAVE MS. EVANS SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **JAMIE LEE EVANS:** WE ARE GRATEFUL AND HONORED TO BE RECOGNIZED
11 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH ORIGINALLY FROM
13 GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT IS VERY POWERFUL
14 FOR ME TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY, AND TO
15 STAND NEXT TO THESE AMAZING, BEAUTIFUL HUMAN BEINGS WHO HAVE
16 ALSO EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE, OR WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN FOSTER
17 CARE, AND WHO ARE STRIVING TOWARDS POSTSECONDARY HIGHER
18 EDUCATION. FOSTER YOUTH MUSEUM IS THE ONLY COLLECTION OF ART
19 AND ARTIFACTS DEDICATED TO TELLING THE STORIES OF FOSTER CARE
20 THROUGH THE YOUTH'S PERSPECTIVE. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY
21 20,000 YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY RIGHT NOW,
22 AND THEY NEED TO BE SEEN AND HEARD AND KNOWN. THE COMMUNITY OF
23 FOSTER YOUTH INCLUDES LEADERS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW. NOT JUST
24 TOMORROW. THEY ARE LEADERS OF TODAY ALREADY. WE ARE STUDENTS
25 AND GRADUATES. WE ARE YOUR EXTENDED RELATIVES. WE ARE YOUR

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1 NEIGHBORS, YOUR SWEETHEARTS. WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR
2 COMMUNITY. FOSTER YOUTH DESERVE YOUR RESPECT AND YOUR
3 FRIENDSHIP. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US TO SEE THE 23 STORIES-- 17
4 NARRATIVES AND 23 STORIES-- INCLUDING THESE BEAUTIFUL YOUTH
5 PHOTOGRAPHERS, DOMINIQUE ROSS AND MICHAEL VALENZUELA, AT ST.
6 JOHN'S CATHEDRAL. IT IS OPEN THROUGH MARCH 3RD. IT'S FREE.
7 TONIGHT WE HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT FOSTER YOUTH AND
8 SPIRITUALTY. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. PLEASE JOIN US. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. AND I BELIEVE THEY'RE NOW SHOWING THE
11 PORTRAITS BEHIND US, SO THAT'S WONDERFUL. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I BELIEVE THAT
14 CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING. MADAM
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THAT VERY IMPORTANT CODE OF
16 CONDUCT.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
19 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
21 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
22 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
24 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
25 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED

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1 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
2 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
3 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
4 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
5 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
6 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
7 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
8 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
9 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM
10 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
11 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
12 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
13 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
14 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
15 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
16 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
17 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
18 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
19 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
20 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
21 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
22 COOPERATION.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. LET ME TELL YOU HOW WE'RE
25 GOING TO DO THIS TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH PUBLIC

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1 HEARING ITEM NO. 3. THEN THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ITEMS 8, 9,
2 AND 18-A. SO, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DID YOU WANT TO READ IN
3 THE TITLE?

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** I'M GOING TO HAVE ALL THOSE THAT PLAN TO
6 TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3, PLEASE
7 STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE
8 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY
9 SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE
10 TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ITEM 3
11 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NO. 2017-006379, TO AUTHORIZE THE
12 ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A HEALTH CLUB LOCATED IN THE
13 PUENTE HILLS TOWN CENTER AT 17518 THROUGH 17596 COLIMA ROAD IN
14 THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, WITHIN THE
15 PUENTE ZONE DISTRICTS, APPLIED BY ABDUL SALEHI. THERE IS A
16 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IS THE DEPARTMENT GOING TO HAVE A COMMENT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHELE BUSH.
21 I'M A PLANNER WITH THE ZONING PERMITS E-SECTION OF THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE REQUEST BEFORE YOU
23 CONSISTS OF A ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO
24 AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A HEALTH CLUB.
25 THE ZONE CHANGE WILL AMEND THE PROJECT SITE ZONING FROM C-2-

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1 BE, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS-BILLBOARD EXCLUSION, WHICH DOES NOT
2 ALLOW FOR HEALTH CLUBS, TO C-3-DP-BE, GENERAL COMMERCIAL
3 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM-BILLBOARD EXCLUSION, TO ALLOW THE HEALTH
4 CLUB USE. THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WILL AUTHORIZE THE
5 ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE HEALTH CLUB USE. THE
6 PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED AT 17518 THROUGH 17596 COLIMA ROAD IN
7 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS. THE PROJECT
8 WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
9 COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 31ST, 2018. STAFF THEREFORE RECOMMENDS
10 THAT YOUR BOARD AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING
11 COMMISSION BY INDICATING ITS INTENT TO ADOPT THE NEGATIVE
12 DECLARATION, AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE
13 NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ADOPT ZONE CHANGE NO. RPPL 2017-009612,
14 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. RPPL 2017-009613. THIS
15 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANTED
18 TO ADD TO THAT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** NO, THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
23 UP THE APPLICANT.

24

25 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ABDUL SALEHI PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

3

4 **ABDUL SALEHI:** GOOD MORNING.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

7

8 **ABDUL SALEHI:** I'M THE APPLICANT. ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY
9 OWNERS, I'D LIKE TO THANK IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
10 AND SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF OUR PROJECT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COULD YOU JUST PUT THE MICROPHONE A LITTLE
13 BIT-- THERE YOU GO. BETTER.

14

15 **ABDUL SALEHI:** ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS, I
16 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR
17 CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF OUR PROJECT. THE
18 OWNERS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO BRING AN AFFORDABLE HEALTH CLUB
19 THAT WILL BENEFIT THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AND IMPROVE
20 THE SHOPPING CENTER.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S IT? OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS OF THE
23 APPLICANT BY ANY COLLEAGUES? OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
24 PLEASE CALL UP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
25 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1

2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN AND THOMAS FARMER PLEASE
3 COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THEY HERE? OH. ERIC. OH, YOU'RE WAVING
6 WAVING, OR YOU'RE WAIVING YOUR TIME? HE'S LIKE, "BOTH." IS
7 THERE SOMEONE ELSE? GOOD MORNING.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** MORNING.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HOW ARE YOU GUYS DOING TODAY? I JUST BASICALLY WANTED
14 TO COME... HEAR ME?

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MM-HMM.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** PRETTY MUCH, I COME HERE TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW THIS
19 STUFF IS JUST GETTING OUT OF CONTROL, BECAUSE I REMEMBER WHEN
20 YOU GUYS WEREN'T EVEN HERE, OKAY? I THINK IT WAS-- IT'S A
21 COINCIDENCE. I THINK IT WAS LIKE... 1624, I WAS ON THE RIVER,
22 I WAS FISHING, AND THEN SOME WHITE PEOPLE CAME. SO YOU HAVE TO
23 UNDERSTAND, I'VE BEEN FIGHTING MEXICANS, INDIANS, FOR A LONG
24 TIME.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAKE SURE YOU'RE SPEAKING ON THE TOPIC.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING. WHITE PEOPLE,
4 THEY USED TO BE MY FRIENDS. THEN THEY ALL WANTED TO ENSLAVE
5 BLACKS FOR SOME REASON. SO I'VE BEEN FIGHTING WHITE PEOPLE,
6 MEXICANS, INDIANS, AND THE ONLY THING THAT'S CHANGED IS Y'ALL,
7 BECAUSE GUESS WHAT: I'M STILL HERE, LIKE WHEN I CAME IN 1616.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, REMEMBER, WE'RE ON THE ITEM ABOUT A
10 HEALTH CLUB.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I DON'T CARE ABOUT NO HEALTH CLUB.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE ITEM.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** WHAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND IS, YOU CAN'T CONTROL ME
17 NOR DESTROY ME. I'M ALWAYS GOING TO BE HERE. SO, NOW, I'M JUST
18 WARMING UP, SO I DON'T EVEN NEED THE REST OF THE TIME. I'LL BE
19 BACK ON THE NEXT ROUND.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. OKAY. THOSE ARE ALL
22 THE SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
23 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 3 IS
24 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
25 BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A

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1 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW WE'RE ON ITEM 8
2 AND 9. THEY WERE BOTH HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I'VE
6 ALSO ASKED FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, MARK PESTRELLA,
7 TO JOIN US IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE STAFF OR FROM
8 THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC. BUT, MADAM CHAIR, I WANTED
9 TO BRING THESE TWO ISSUES BEFORE US. NOT ONLY DO THEY IMPACT
10 MY DISTRICT, BUT ALSO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE FIRST
11 ITEM IS TO STUDY THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND OPERATIONS OF
12 THE U.S. ARMY CORPS'S FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS, AND TRANSFER
13 THAT TO THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, WHAT WE WILL
14 CALL DIVESTITURE, AS IT IS REFERRED. I'M PUTTING FORTH THE
15 MOTION, ALONG WITH MY COAUTHOR-- AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR JOINING ME-- THAT WOULD SEND A FIVE-
17 SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, URGING THEM TO
18 COMPLETE A DISPOSITION STUDY WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR
19 TRANSFERRING FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS UNDER ARMY CORPS'S
20 JURISDICTION TO OUR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. AND WHY, YOU WOULD
21 ASK YOURSELVES? IT'S BECAUSE OF BUDGET CUTS. THE ARMY CORPS
22 DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE
23 MAINTENANCE AND NEEDS OF THEIR FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES
24 LOCATED IN L.A. COUNTY. DIVESTITURE OF THE 40 MILES OF ARMY
25 CORPS FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY WILL HELP

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1 ENSURE THAT MAINTENANCE NEEDS ARE BETTER ADDRESSED BY THE
2 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. AND I KNOW I'VE SEEN THAT AS EVIDENCED
3 OUT IN OUR WATERSHED, WHERE I KNOW THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF
4 PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT HAVE DONE A GOOD
5 JOB, A VERY ADMIRABLE JOB, WITH NOT A LOT OF RESOURCES, AS
6 WELL. THE COUNTY WOULD BE ABLE TO CLEAR ALL OF OUR CHANNELS OF
7 OVERGROWTH AND DEBRIS THAT IMPEDE FLOW. IT WOULD GIVE THE
8 COUNTY THE ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY, ESPECIALLY TO THE
9 HOMELESS THAT SEEK SAFE HARBOR IN OUR CHANNELS, AND ESPECIALLY
10 DURING STORMS AND OTHER EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS THAT WE'VE BEEN
11 EXPERIENCING IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IT WOULD GIVE US MORE
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO HIGHLIGHT RESTORATION, RECREATION, AND WATER
13 CONSERVATION, AND IT WOULD PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND
14 ACCOUNTABILITIES TO ALL THE CITIES IMPACTED. DIVESTITURE ALSO
15 HAS A DIRECT NEXUS TO THE OTHER MOTION THAT I'M PUTTING FORTH,
16 WHICH WOULD URGE CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND UP TO \$600 MILLION IN
17 REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WHITTIER NARROWS DAM. THE DAM
18 HAS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR NEEDS THAT MUST BE
19 ADDRESSED. WE READ ABOUT THOSE RECENTLY IN SOME TIMES
20 ARTICLES, AS WELL AS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE. AND
21 THE ARMY CORPS NEEDS FUNDING AUTHORIZATION FROM CONGRESS TO
22 MAKE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS. WE ALL KNOW SOMETIMES CONGRESS
23 DOESN'T MOVE AS QUICKLY AS WE'D LIKE, BUT WE'RE HOPEFUL THIS
24 TIME. THE DAM, WHICH IS PRIMARILY USED FOR FLOOD CONTROL,
25 FACES RISKS OF OVERTOPPING AND EROSION IN THE EVENT OF AN

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1 EXTREME STORM. FAILURE OF THE DAM DURING A STORM WOULD RESULT
2 IN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF WATER PER SECOND FLOWING
3 TOWARDS HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN OUR DISTRICT, IN CITIES SUCH
4 AS PICO RIVERA, SOUTH EL MONTE, MONTEBELLO, AND OTHER AREAS
5 THAT IMPACT, I KNOW, SUPERVISOR HAHN'S DISTRICT. I WANT TO
6 ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS' LIVES AND PROPERTIES ARE WELL
7 PROTECTED. THIS MOTION WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO OUR
8 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THAT THE ISSUE IS A MATTER OF LIFE
9 AND SAFETY, AND FUNDING IS NEEDED RIGHT WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT
10 OUR RESIDENTS ARE SAFE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK CALIFORNIA
11 STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER RENDON, WHO HAS BEEN A GREAT ALLY AND
12 PARTNER ALONGSIDE WITH US ON MANY L.A. RIVER INITIATIVES. HE'S
13 ALSO SENT A LETTER OF SUPPORT THAT WE'LL ENTER INTO THE
14 RECORD. AND I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY READ IN AN AMENDMENT TO THE
15 MOTION. AND I'VE ALSO ASKED OUR DIRECTOR, MARK PESTRELLA, TO
16 PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND, AS NECESSARY. BUT BEFORE I TURN THIS
17 OVER TO MARK, I'D LIKE TO READ IN THE MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE
18 WHITTIER NARROWS DAM MOTION. I'D LIKE TO STRIKE "THE U.S.
19 DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR" FROM THE FIRST DIRECTIVE OF THE
20 WHITTIER NARROWS DAM MOTION, AND REPLACE IT WITH "THE UNITED
21 STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS." THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT TO
22 THE ARMY CORPS, AND NOT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. AND I JUST
23 WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION FOR ALL. SO WITH THAT, I
24 WANT TO THANK YOU, DIRECTOR PESTRELLA, FOR BEING HERE AND
25 SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON THE NECESSITY OF THESE TWO MOTIONS.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR, BEFORE, WE DO HAVE YOUR
3 COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD ALSO
4 LIKE TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS BEFORE MARK. IS THAT OKAY?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M VERY HAPPY TO COAUTHOR
11 ITEM 8, AND CERTAINLY VERY SUPPORTIVE OF ITEM 9. WE'RE LOOKING
12 AT REALLY SORT OF THE IMMEDIATE SAFETY RISKS TO THE MILLIONS
13 OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITIES ALONGSIDE THE ENTIRE 51
14 MILES OF THE RIVER, AS WELL AS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DAM. AND
15 THOSE, OF COURSE, ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO FLOODING. SO,
16 TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF THESE CHANNELS FROM THE ARMY CORPS
17 TO THE COUNTY ACTUALLY WILL REALLY SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE OUR
18 ABILITY TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN THE 40 MILES THAT THEY NOW
19 CONTROL OF FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE, BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE
20 TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FLOOD PROTECTION TO ALL THE RESIDENTS, BUT
21 IT'S A NEW, WELL, LITERALLY, A NEW CENTURY AND A NEW DECADE,
22 AND THE USE AND THE REASONS FOR THE RIVER HAVE REALLY CHANGED
23 SIGNIFICANTLY, AND WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS FOR A WHILE,
24 AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT IT AS WE DEVELOP A UNIFIED RIVER
25 PLAN. AND I THINK THIS IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT STEP TO DOING

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1 THAT. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A BIG, SIGNIFICANT DEAL, BUT I
2 THINK FOR THE COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY, IT REALLY
3 IS, BECAUSE AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS INDICATED, WITH LOCAL
4 OWNERSHIP, WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN ACT OF CONGRESS. AND
5 YOU KNOW THAT ALWAYS STOOD FOR SOMETHING VERY WEIGHTY AND
6 LONG, LIKE, "IT'S GOING TO TAKE AN ACT OF CONGRESS TO DO IT,"
7 YOU KNOW? WELL, IT DID TAKE AN ACT OF CONGRESS TO FUND AND
8 ATTEND TO ANY OF THE REPAIRS AND UPGRADES. AND IF THESE 40
9 MILES ARE FULLY INCORPORATED INTO THE GREATER NETWORK OF FLOOD
10 PROTECTION, IT HELPS TO STRENGTHEN OUR REGIONAL PLANS AROUND
11 WATER CONSERVATION, AS WELL: HABITAT RESTORATION, RECREATIONAL
12 OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL AS DEBRIS REMOVAL, WHICH WE'RE HAVING
13 TO LOOK AT A LOT IN THESE YEARS, AS WELL AS CLEANING UP TRASH
14 AND GRAFFITI. SO WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PLANNING EFFORTS GOING
15 FORWARD TO WORK TOWARD A CLEANER, A SAFER, A MORE ACCESSIBLE
16 RIVER, SO THAT WE CAN ALL BENEFIT FROM IT. I THINK THIS IS A
17 SIGNIFICANT FIRST STEP. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR
18 BRINGING THIS, AND ALSO FOR PAYING ATTENTION TO THE RISK, IN
19 TERMS OF WHITTIER NARROWS. I LIVED IN BALDWIN HILLS WHEN THE
20 BALDWIN HILLS DAM BROKE AND CAME RIGHT DOWN, ALL THE WAY DOWN,
21 YOU KNOW, ONTO US. IT WAS-- AT LEAST WE DIDN'T LOSE ANY
22 PEOPLE, BUT IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT DESTRUCTIVE OCCURRENCE. SO I
23 SUPPORT, OF COURSE, BOTH OF THESE, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
24 BRINGING THEM. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

2

3 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES
4 FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I'M JUST-- WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE
5 FACT THAT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MARK, HAS ASKED FOR
6 FUNDING IN THEIR FISCAL YEAR 2020, HOW MUCH ARE THEY ASKING
7 FOR?

8

9 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THEIR FISCAL BUDGET REQUEST IS SOMEWHERE IN
10 THE ORDER OF \$17 MILLION, SUPERVISOR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER:** AND IF THAT DOESN'T COME TO FRUITION AND WE
13 ASSUME CONTROL, ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED
14 WITH MAINTENANCE BEYOND?

15

16 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE PROCESS FOR DIVESTITURE
17 WOULD INCLUDE NEGOTIATION OVER TURNING THEM OVER IN A STATE OF
18 GOOD REPAIR, AND THEN ULTIMATELY THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAYING
19 FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FACILITIES THAT WE
20 TOOK OVER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** AND IS THERE ANY PLACE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY THAT'S
23 DOING THIS? BECAUSE I SUPPORT IT. I MEAN, I KNOW THAT WHEN WE
24 LOOK AT THE BIKE PATHWAYS, WE'RE LOOKING AT INCORPORATING THE
25 RIGHT OF WAY THAT COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS OWNS, AS IT RELATES TO

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1 LOOKING AT OPTIONS OF CONNECTIVITY, SO I SUPPORT IT. BUT I'M
2 JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, BECAUSE
3 I AGREE. I MEAN, IT IS AN ACT OF CONGRESS, LITERALLY AND
4 FIGURATIVELY, TO GET THINGS DONE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY
5 HAVE A FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK WITH US TO MAINTAIN
6 IT. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT LETTING THE
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFF THE HOOK. AND AS IT RELATES TO THE DAM,
8 WE'RE STRUGGLING WITH THAT IN OUR OWN DISTRICT, WITH
9 JAJAMONGA, AND ONE OF OUR GREATEST CONCERNS IS MAKING SURE
10 THAT WE KEEP OURS IN A STATE OF GOOD REPAIR SO THAT WE DON'T
11 HAVE SOMETHING LIKE WHAT HAPPENED AT BALDWIN HILLS. THERE'S A
12 QUESTION IN THERE SOMEWHERE, MARK.

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A PRESENTATION. I THINK
15 I'LL COVER MOST OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU JUST ASKED,
16 SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** BUT AGAIN, I COMMEND YOU ALL. I DO SUPPORT THIS.
19 I JUST WANT TO KEEP THE HEAT ON BACK EAST, TO MAKE SURE THAT
20 THEY ARE PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE, AS IT RELATES TO
21 MAINTENANCE, BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY SHOWN-- THANK YOU,
22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL-- THAT WE'RE WILLING TO SELF-TAX OURSELVES,
23 AS RELATES TO WATER. AND I THINK THAT THAT SHOULD RESONATE
24 WITH WASHINGTON, AS IT RELATES TO STEPPING UP AND PUTTING IN
25 THE MONEY.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, AND BEFORE MARK GIVES HIS
3 PRESENTATION, I, TOO, SUPPORT THIS. AND I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS
4 IN CONGRESS, AND MARK CAME BACK REGULARLY, REPRESENTING THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND TALKING ABOUT SORT OF A LOT OF
6 THESE ISSUES THAT THE ARMY CORPS... I DON'T WANT TO SAY
7 NEGLIGENT, BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, MANY TIMES THEY ARE
8 EXTREMELY BACKLOGGED IN THEIR PROJECTS. AND SOMETIMES WHAT THE
9 ACT OF CONGRESS WAS, WAS JUST TO MOVE ONE OF THEIR PROJECTS
10 FORWARD, SO THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY COULD GET OUR FAIR SHARE.
11 BUT I THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, AND I WANTED TO THANK
12 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. IT
13 MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE, I KNOW, IN THE BALLONA WETLANDS. THAT
14 HAS BEEN A BIG ISSUE. AND SOMETIMES, NOT ALWAYS, BUT THE
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DISCONNECTED AND FAR REMOVED FROM REAL
16 NEEDS AND ISSUES. AND THERE'S A LOT THAT'S ENVIRONMENTAL WITH
17 THIS IDEA, ECOLOGICAL, THAT MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE THAT L.A.
18 COUNTY, THAT WE TAKE OVER CONTROL OF THIS. SO THANK YOU. AND,
19 MR. PESTRELLA, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, FINALLY.

20

21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** APPRECIATE ALL THE BOARD'S INTEREST IN THIS,
22 AND THE MOTIONS THAT ARE IN FRONT OF US. THEY ARE DEFINITELY A
23 STEP IN A LARGER PLAN THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IN L.A.
24 COUNTY FOR WATER RESILIENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE
25 COUNTY SYSTEM OF FLOOD CONTROL IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND

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1 PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST MAINTAINED AND OPERATED SYSTEMS
2 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, TAKING ON QUITE A CHORE OF
3 MOVING THAT MUCH WATER THROUGH ABOUT 40 MILES OF LAND. ABOUT
4 THE SAME AMOUNT OF WATER MOVES THROUGH THIS SYSTEM AS THE
5 MISSISSIPPI RIVER, BUT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DOES IT AT WELL
6 OVER 2,000 MILES, AND WE DO IT IN 40. SO YOU'RE CORRECT, IT IS
7 AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SYSTEM TO THE SAFETY AND THE BUSINESS
8 OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. IT'S A SYSTEM THAT IS
9 OFFERING US LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO OPTIMIZE, IN TERMS OF
10 WATER CONSERVATION, AND ALSO MULTI-BENEFIT RECREATION AND
11 OTHER HABITAT RESTORATION. THE SYSTEM IS DISPLAYED ON THE
12 BOARD HERE, AND I THINK THAT'S THE WAY TO SORT OF SUMMARIZE
13 WHAT I WAS GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, IS IF YOU LOOK AT ALL
14 OF THE RED LINES, IF YOU WILL, ON THIS SYSTEM, THAT'S
15 REPRESENTING ABOUT 500 MILES OF CHANNEL THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS
16 ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CURRENTLY MAINTAINS. THE BLUE
17 LINES THAT YOU SEE ON THERE ARE 40 MILES OF CHANNEL CURRENTLY
18 MAINTAINED BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. AND I USE THE TERM
19 "MAINTAINED" LIGHTLY. AND I DON'T MEAN TO BE DEROGATORY TO MY
20 PARTNERS AT THE CORPS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE CORPS OF
21 ENGINEERS HAS A FANTASTIC MISSION. THEY REGULARLY, REGULARLY
22 OPERATE THIS SYSTEM WITH US IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER, AND THEY
23 REGULARLY FOCUS ON THEIR MISSION OF FLOOD CONTROL THROUGHOUT
24 THE NATION. AND SOMETIMES, AS SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID, THEIR
25 PRIORITIES ARE NOT THE PRIORITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS

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1 SYSTEM THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT WAS BUILT FROM ABOUT 1930S TO
2 THE 1960S. IT'S WORTH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TOTAL. THE COUNTY
3 IS MAINTAINING THE VAST MAJORITY OF THIS SYSTEM ALREADY,
4 OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE VAST-- FOR INSTANCE, THE COUNTY
5 OF LOS ANGELES CURRENTLY MAINTAINS 14 MAJOR DAMS IN THIS
6 SYSTEM, 27 SPREADING FACILITIES, 154 DEBRIS BASINS. WE
7 MAINTAIN ABOUT 2500 MILES OF UNDERGROUND STORM DRAIN AND,
8 AGAIN, 500 MILES OF CHANNEL. IN CONTRAST, THE CORPS OF
9 ENGINEERS MAINTAINS FOUR MAJOR DAMS IN THE SYSTEM. THEY
10 MAINTAIN, AGAIN, ABOUT 40 MILES OF CHANNEL. SO IT'S A VERY
11 SMALL AMOUNT, COMPARED TO THE LARGER THAT WE MAINTAIN ALREADY.
12 AND THEY MAINTAIN ONE DEBRIS BASIN UP AGAINST OUR 154 DEBRIS
13 BASINS. SO IT'S SORT OF-- THE SYSTEM IS BUILT TO OPERATE
14 TOGETHER. IT HAS TO WORK TOGETHER. WATER KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES,
15 AND WE'RE MOVING WATER, ESSENTIALLY CAPTURING, CONSERVING
16 WATER IN THIS SYSTEM, SO THAT WE HAVE THIS COEQUAL GOAL WITH
17 EACH OTHER, AND ONE GOAL FOR THEM IS FLOOD CONTROL, AND THE
18 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT HAS A GOAL OF CONSERVATION OF WATER.
19 THE CORPS DOES NOT SHARE THAT MISSION WITH US CURRENTLY, AND
20 CONGRESS DOES NOT HONOR THAT, FINANCIALLY. SO ONE OF THE
21 BENEFITS OF MOVING TO OWNING CERTAIN PIECES OF THE SYSTEM IS
22 THAT WE COULD OPTIMIZE BETTER THE SYSTEM FOR BOTH FLOOD
23 CONTROL, AS WELL AS WATER CONSERVATION. SO THERE'S A LITTLE
24 BIT OF BACKGROUND FOR YOU. THE SYSTEM, AS I ALREADY SAID,
25 PROVIDES FLOOD AND RISK MANAGEMENT AS WATER RESILIENCY TO THE

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1 MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY AND THE CORPS, AS I
2 SAID, HAVE WORKED VERY, VERY WELL TOGETHER THROUGH THE YEARS,
3 AND HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RELATIONSHIP FROM THE TOP OF THE CORPS
4 AT HEADQUARTERS, THE CHIEF OF CIVIL WORKS, TO OUR LOCAL
5 COLONEL, COLONEL BARTA, WHO IS HERE NOW. MR. AARON BARTA IS
6 HERE, AND HE IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF WORKING WITH US,
7 ANNUALLY. AND AS YOU HAVE SEEN, WE HAVE HAD NO MAJOR ISSUES IN
8 THE SYSTEM THIS YEAR, DESPITE HAVING A HEAVY RAINFALL YEAR,
9 AND THAT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH OUR COOPERATION WITH THE CORPS.
10 HOWEVER, OF COURSE, THE CORPS BEING A FEDERAL AGENCY IS
11 DEPENDENT ON THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL
12 ALLUDED TO, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAS NEVER, EVER
13 REALLY COME QUICK OR EVENLY FOR US. THE PROBLEM IS ANNUALLY,
14 SUPERVISORS, I'M GOING THERE AND ADVOCATING FOR THE BOARD, FOR
15 THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO HAVE A BUDGET JUST TO PROPERLY
16 MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM, AND ANNUALLY THEY'RE COMING UP SHORT IN
17 THE APPROPRIATION FOR PROPER MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION OF
18 THE SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW, THE PORTION OF THE SYSTEM
19 THAT THE CORPS CURRENTLY MAINTAINS, THAT SMALLER PORTION, IS
20 ESTIMATED TO HAVE OVER \$200 MILLION IN THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF
21 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THAT'S NOT ONLY
22 SPECIFIC TO THE CHANNELS, BUT IT'S ALSO THEIR DAMS AND THE
23 OTHER COMPONENTS OF IT. THAT 200 OR 194 MILLION YOU READ IN
24 SOME OF THE BACKGROUND ON THIS IS SCARY, BECAUSE SOME OF IT IS
25 ACTUALLY THE PORTIONS THAT PROTECT ALL OF US FROM FLOODING. IF

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1 YOU REMEMBER IN THE EL NINO SEASON, THIS JUST MOST RECENT EL
2 NINO SEASON WE HAD, WE HAD TO GET EMERGENCY MONEY TO GET THE
3 GLENDALE NARROWS CLEARED TO BRING IT TO SOME STATE OF
4 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE PASSAGE OF A
5 20-YEAR EVENT. AND OUR SYSTEM IS DESIGNED FOR A 100-YEAR
6 EVENT. AND SO IT, AT TIMES, HAS BEEN... WELL, I WOULD SAY THAT
7 THIS IS NO WAY TO MAINTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT WE CANNOT
8 HAVE, EVERY YEAR AND YEAR OUT, NOT PUTTING AWAY MONEY FOR THAT
9 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, AND THAT THE CORPS NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO
10 DO THAT, BUT ALSO THAT THERE'S PROVISIONS IN THE MAINTENANCE
11 THAT CANNOT BE DEFERRED. AND SO I DO SEE IT AS A BENEFIT TO
12 THE COUNTY, LOCALLY, ALTHOUGH I DO SEE, SUPERVISOR BARGER,
13 YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT THEY WOULD LOSE SOME OBLIGATION IN TERMS OF
14 MAINTENANCE DOLLARS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. OF COURSE, WE WOULD
15 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CORPS ON PROJECTS SUCH AS THE ARROYO
16 SECO PROJECT AND THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, OR THE L.A. RIVER
17 REVITALIZATION STUDY THAT'S ONGOING, CURRENTLY. THAT PROJECT
18 WOULD BE ONGOING. THERE WOULD BE FEDERAL DOLLARS COMING TO IT,
19 TOO. THIS IS SPECIFICALLY FOCUSING ON MAINTENANCE AND
20 OPERATION. SO THE PROCESS OF THE CORPS IS LAID OUT FOR US.
21 IT'S CALLED A DISPOSITION STUDY. THEY HAVE ALL KINDS OF
22 INTERESTING NAMES FOR DIFFERENT THINGS THEY DO. BUT
23 ESSENTIALLY WHAT THIS DISPOSITION STUDY IS SUPPOSED TO DO IS
24 CONVINCE OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT THERE ARE PORTIONS OF THE
25 SYSTEM THAT ARE BETTER MAINTAINED BY A LOCAL AGENCY. AND SO

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1 IT'S A PROCESS BY WHICH WE WILL BE... AND I HOPE IT'S NOT A
2 LONG PROCESS. I'M HOPING FOR LESS THAN A TWO-YEAR PROCESS IN
3 WHICH WE WOULD IDENTIFY THOSE COMPONENTS THAT MAKE MOST SENSE
4 TO BE DIVESTED TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE WOULD GO INTO
5 A NEGOTIATION WITH THE CORPS, THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND
6 THEN WE WOULD PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO THE CONGRESS TO HAVE THE
7 DIVESTITURE OCCUR. AND I DO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S
8 SUPPORT, IF WE GET IT TODAY, TO MOVE FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN
9 CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS TO HAPPEN AS QUICKLY AS
10 POSSIBLE. I HAVE GOTTEN POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE PRESIDENT,
11 FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, AS WELL AS THE CONGRESS, ABOUT THE IDEA
12 OF LOCAL FACILITIES BEING, YOU KNOW, GIVEN UP TO THE LOCALS.
13 THIS IS, AGAIN, IN LINE WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES THAT
14 ARE HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES. AND IN FACT, SUPERVISOR,
15 YOU ASKED, THERE ARE MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES
16 WHERE THE CORPS IS LOOKING TO DIVEST THEMSELVES OF PIECES OF
17 INFRASTRUCTURE THEY'VE BUILT FOR AGENCIES THROUGH THE YEARS,
18 EVEN SOME BRIDGES THAT THEY BUILT THAT THEY CURRENTLY
19 MAINTAIN. THE NAVY HAS BEEN AT THIS FOR SOME TIME. SOME OF THE
20 NAVAL FACILITIES, YOU'VE SEEN THEM DIVEST THEMSELVES OF THOSE.
21 SO THE CORPS ISN'T AS GOOD AT THIS, I WOULD SAY. THEY DON'T
22 SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS AS WELL AS THE OTHER COMPONENTS
23 OF THE MILITARY DO. BUT WE ARE SHARPENING THAT FOR THEM, AND
24 THEY ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH US AND DEVELOPING A DIRECTION
25 FOR US TO HAVE THIS OCCUR. THE OTHER MOTION, AGENDA ITEM 9, IS

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1 JUST AS OR MORE IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE HAPPEN, THAT WHITTIER
2 NARROWS-- REALLY, WHAT THAT IS ABOUT IS THE-- WHY THAT'S SUCH
3 A HIGH-VALUE PROJECT TO US IS THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT
4 ARE PROTECTED BY WHITTIER NARROWS DAM. IT'S A DAM WITHIN A
5 SYSTEM OF DAMS THAT RUN UP THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER. AND WE HAVE
6 MULTIPLE DAMS UPSTREAM OF THIS DAM, SO WE REGULATE THE FLOWS
7 AS IT GETS TO WHITTIER NARROWS, AND WE WOULD BE REGULATING
8 THOSE. BUT IN AN EXTREME EVENT-- AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT
9 THE EVENT THAT THEY SIZE THIS ON, ALL OF OUR DAMS WOULD BE
10 OVERFLOWING TO THE POINT... ALL THE WAY TO WHITTIER NARROWS.
11 SO WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THE CORPS HAS IDENTIFIED A HIGH-VALUE,
12 HIGH-RISK SCENARIO IN WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO MOVE IT TO BECOME
13 THE NATION'S FIRST, NUMBER-ONE PRIORITY, THIS DAM PROJECT. SO--
14 - RETROFIT PROJECT. SO WE WILL NEED AND WE WANT TO SUPPORT
15 CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO APPROPRIATE DOLLARS AND TO FUND THE
16 PROJECT SO THAT WE CAN BETTER PREPARE THE DAM FOR ANY EVENT,
17 ANY EXTREME EVENT, BUT ALSO ANOTHER COMPONENT OF THAT IS TO
18 EDUCATE OUR CITIZENS DOWNSTREAM ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE IS A
19 DAM IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT PROTECTS THEM, AND THAT WE-- AND WE
20 ARE LOCALLY RESPONSIBLE-- THE CORPS WILL TELL YOU THAT-- TO
21 ACTUALLY DO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR THE CITIES
22 DOWNSTREAM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CORPS. BUT THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT WILL TELL YOU THAT'S A LOCAL AGENCY'S
24 RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THE PREPARATION AND TO HAVE PEOPLE READY
25 FOR THE EVENT OF AN EXTREME EVENT. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, WE'VE

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1 BEEN SEEING EXTREME EVENTS OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.
2 WHILE I PRAY THAT THIS NEVER HAPPENS IN L.A. COUNTY, A 1-IN-
3 1,000-YEARS STORM, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE PLANNING AND LOOKING
4 AT THAT. SO, SUPERVISOR, I DO, ABSOLUTELY, AS THE CHIEF
5 ENGINEER OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, SUPPORT BOTH THE
6 MOTIONS, AND PREPARED TO ACT ON ADVOCACY IF YOU CHOOSE TO
7 APPROVE THE MOTIONS TODAY.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I FORGOT TO MENTION, THOUGH-- AND I
10 DO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO,
11 WHO REPRESENTS MUCH OF THE JURISDICTION, BUT ALSO IN HER
12 COMMITTEE THAT OVERSEES THE ARMY CORPS. AND LAST MONTH, WHEN I
13 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT IN WASHINGTON, I HAD AN EXTENSIVE
14 MEETING WITH HER AND HER STAFF REGARDING THIS ISSUE, AND SHE
15 MADE VERY CLEAR THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE
16 ARMY CORPS. AND IF ANY FUNDING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, THIS
17 WILL BE FIRST ON THE LIST. SO WE DO HAVE AN ADVOCATE. I'M GLAD
18 THAT IF IT IS AN ACT OF CONGRESS, THAT SHE'S THERE AT THE
19 HELM.

20

21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND SHE UNDERSTANDS THIS ISSUE FULLY. SO, AGAIN,
24 THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH HER, AND ALSO WITH OUR
25 STAFF ON THIS. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** I JUST-- YOU SAID SOMETHING THAT I'M CURIOUS
5 ABOUT, AND I THINK THIS MAY BE TO MARY. IF IT'S TRANSFERRED,
6 DO WE GET INDEMNIFIED IN CASE OF LIABILITY, AS IT RELATES TO--
7 I MEAN, YOU TALK ABOUT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE. AND IF THERE'S A
8 FAILURE OR SOMETHING, IS THERE AN INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE THAT
9 WE CAN PUT IN? I'M JUST CURIOUS, BECAUSE WE'VE HAD SOME OF THE
10 WALLS FAIL, AS A RESULT OF CONSTRUCTION DOWN IN SAN GABRIEL,
11 THAT IMPACTED HOMES, AND IT WAS THE CONTRACTOR THAT HAD TO
12 REPAIR THEM. BUT IF IT'S A FAILURE BASED ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND
13 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, I'M JUST CURIOUS.

14

15 **ATTORNEY:** IT'S SOMETHING WE'LL DEFINITELY HAVE TO LOOK INTO.
16 SOMETIMES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IT MIGHT BE MORE
17 CHALLENGING FOR THEM TO INDEMNIFY US, BUT WE WILL EXPLORE IT.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, YOU SAID SOMETHING-- I KNOW WHEN THE COURTS
20 WERE TAKEN, WHEN THE COUNTY GAVE UP THE COURTHOUSES, WE HAD TO
21 BRING THEM UP TO A CERTAIN STANDARD AND THEN HAND THEM BACK
22 OVER, SO MAYBE THAT'S A SIMILAR SCENARIO THAT YOU'RE GOING TO
23 TALK ABOUT.

24

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** IT HASN'T BEEN MY EXPERIENCE THAT
2 INDEMNIFICATION WOULD COME ALONG WITH THE DIVESTITURE, THAT IN
3 FACT WHAT WE WOULD BE DOING IS NEGOTIATING THE STATE OF GOOD
4 REPAIR, SO THAT WE RECEIVE THEM IN SOME STATE OF REPAIR THAT
5 WE BELIEVE REDUCES THE RISK OF SUCH FAILURES. BUT ALL
6 INFRASTRUCTURE, AS YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, CARRIES
7 INFRASTRUCTURE LIABILITY, AND YOU CAN'T REALLY AVOID IT.
8 SIMILAR WITH OUR ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD TRANSFER, SUPERVISOR. IT
9 IS A GOOD THING YOU'RE BRINGING UP, BUT THAT IS A PART OF THE
10 RISK DECISION TO TAKE OVER THESE COMPONENTS, IS THAT WE WANT
11 TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN SOME GOOD STATE OF REPAIR BEFORE WE
12 TAKE THEM OVER, AND THAT WE NOW INVEST OUR LOCAL FUNDS INTO
13 OPERATING THEM.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** BECAUSE, AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS GREAT. I REALLY
16 COMMEND YOU, AND I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT UP GRACE NAPOLITANO,
17 BECAUSE I KNOW THE DAM, ESPECIALLY, HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR HER.
18 I KNOW SHE'S AN ADVOCATE. SHE RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF THE ARMY
19 CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZES THE LIMITATIONS THEY
20 HAVE, AS IT RELATES TO FUNDING. AND I THINK, GIVEN THE VISION-
21 - AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING YOU
22 ARE FOCUSED ON, AND THAT IS THE L.A. RIVER, AND REALLY
23 INVESTING IN THAT. AND AT GRAND PARK, A MAN APPROACHED ME AND
24 SAID, "WILL YOU SUPPORT THE SUPERVISOR MOVING THAT?" AND I
25 SAID, "ABSOLUTELY, WE'LL SUPPORT MOVING IT FORWARD." SO I

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1 THINK THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR US ON A LOCAL LEVEL
2 TO REINVEST AND REALLY REENGINEER, IF YOU WILL, OUR FLOOD
3 CONTROL TO REFLECT THE PRIORITY OF THIS COUNTY, AND THAT IS
4 SOFT BOTTOM AND REALLY RESTORING IT BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL
5 VISION, OR I DON'T EVEN KNOW ITS VISION OR BEFORE-WE-WERE-BORN
6 STATUS. SO I COMMEND YOU BOTH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING
7 ON THIS.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE, MARK,
10 JUST THE WAY YOU SAID THE ARMY CORPS IS-- THEY'RE OUR
11 PARTNERS. I MEAN, IN NO WAY ARE WE DISPARAGING THEM. BUT I
12 THINK PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT THE SCOPE OF THEIR DUTIES AND
13 RESPONSIBILITIES ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. I KNOW THEY DREDGED
14 MARINA DEL REY, RIGHT? AND I KNOW WHEN I WAS IN CONGRESS, ONE
15 OF THE THINGS I WAS ADVOCATING FOR WAS THE REPAIR OF THE
16 BREAKWATER OUTSIDE THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS IN GREAT
17 DISREPAIR. AND THAT WAS A PROJECT THAT, BEFORE THE NEXT WINTER
18 STORM, I WORKED ON MOVING FORWARD. SORRY IF SOME OF YOUR
19 PROJECTS GOT PUSHED BACK WHILE WE MOVED THAT ONE FORWARD. BUT
20 THAT'S THE WAY IT IS WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND NO
21 WAY DO THEY NOT DO A GREAT JOB. BUT THEY'RE CERTAINLY-- THEIR
22 SCOPE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY IS GIGANTIC, SO I THINK THIS WAS A
23 GOOD IDEA. I SUPPORT THAT. THANK YOU, MARK, FOR THE WAY YOU'VE
24 BEEN ADVOCATING. LONG BEFORE I CAME HERE, I KNEW YOU AS A
25 GREAT CHAMPION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE

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1 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL UP THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
2 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
5 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
6 LOURDES CARACOZA, JOSE JIMENEZ, ANGELA BARRANCO, LAURIE
7 AGUILAR, CARRIE SUTKIN, ERIC PREVEN, MELANIE WINTER. PLEASE
8 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GO AHEAD.

11

12 **LOURDES CARACOZA:** GOOD MORNING. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME
13 IS LOURDES CARACOZA. I'M REPRESENTING ALMA FAMILY SERVICES. WE
14 ARE A NONPROFIT PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES OUT OF OUR SITES
15 IN PICO RIVERA AND EL MONTE. THEY RANGE FROM MENTAL HEALTH
16 SERVICES TO PARENTING CLASSES AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES TO OUR
17 YOUTH THAT ARE DEALING WITH CHALLENGES, AND WE WORK WITH
18 SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THESE AREAS. I AM HERE BECAUSE OUR
19 SITES IN PICO RIVERA AND EL MONTE THAT SERVICE THE FAMILIES
20 AND THE COMMUNITIES WOULD BE IMPACTED IF THIS WAS TO HAPPEN.
21 I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF YOUR LETTER THAT WOULD ALLOW
22 FOR THE REPAIRS AND RESTORATIONS OF OUR DAM. FAILURE TO
23 ADDRESS THIS CRISIS WOULD MEAN A DISASTER TO OUR COMMUNITIES.
24 THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR HOMES, THEIR JOBS, AND BUSINESSES. THIS
25 LOSS WOULD BE DEVASTATING AND TRAUMATIC, AND WOULD CAUSE OUR

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1 FAMILIES GREAT TRAGEDY. OUR SOCIAL SERVICES THAT ADDRESS THE
2 NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE IMPACTED,
3 CURRENTLY. YOU'RE PROVIDING RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
4 OF LIFE OF OUR FAMILIES. THESE SERVICES WOULD BE DRAINED IF
5 OUR FAMILIES WERE LOSING THEIR HOMES, THEIR LIVES, AND, MORE
6 IMPORTANTLY, THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. SO,
7 ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISION AND FOR SUPPORTING, AND
8 I'M HERE TO SUPPORT, AND I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE ALL ON IT.
9 THANK YOU, LADIES.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **LAURIE AGUILAR:** HELLO, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 LAURIE AGUILAR. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO.
15 I'D FIRST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING FORTH
16 THIS ISSUE, AND THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. I'M HERE TO
17 EXPRESS FULL SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND ITS
18 COMMUNITY FOR THE FUNDING OF REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE
19 WHITTIER NARROWS DAM. IT WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY
20 TO OUR CITY, BUT TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS IN THE
21 ENTIRE REGION. SO, ONCE AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR
22 YOUR SUPPORT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **ANGELA BARRANCO:** HI, EVERYBODY. GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M
3 ANGELA BARRANCO, C.E.O. OF RIVER L.A. RIVER L.A. IS A
4 NONPROFIT THAT IS FOCUSED ON THE REVITALIZATION OF THIS
5 INCREDIBLE 51-MILE CORRIDOR, THROUGH INNOVATION AND THE
6 INTEGRATION OF DESIGN INFRASTRUCTURE, IN ORDER TO BRING
7 PEOPLE, WATER, AND NATURE TOGETHER. THE SCALE OF OPPORTUNITY
8 IS TREMENDOUS FOR THE L.A. REGION. IT NOT ONLY GOES FROM THE
9 WEST VALLEY THROUGH DOWNTOWN, THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST CITIES,
10 BUT OUT THROUGH THE OCEAN AT LONG BEACH. ONE OUT OF FOUR
11 CALIFORNIANS LIVE WITHIN A SHORT DRIVE, AND NEARLY 1 MILLION
12 LIVE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE. THE L.A. RIVER HAS PROVIDED MUCH
13 TO THE REGION, FROM THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY TO TODAY,
14 PROTECTING THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF MILLIONS, JUST LIKE WE'VE
15 SCENE IN THE FLASH FLOODS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS. AND WITH
16 THE CHANGING CLIMATE, THESE RISKS WILL ONLY GROW. IMPROVED
17 MAINTENANCE AND STREAMLINED APPROVALS WILL ALLOW OUR REGION TO
18 IMPROVE FLOOD CONTROL IN THE CHANGING CLIMATE, AND WE WILL BE
19 ABLE TO CREATE AN EVEN BETTER L.A. REGION FOR ALMOST 20
20 MILLION ANGELINOS. WE NEED TO CONSERVE CRITICAL STORM WATER
21 THAT WILL REDUCE WATER IMPORTS. WE CAN INCREASE RECREATION,
22 OPEN SPACE, AND PUBLIC HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY
23 COMMUNITIES OF NEED, AND WE CAN CONNECT OUR REGION THROUGH
24 BETTER TRANSPORTATION AND GREEN CORRIDORS. LOCAL CONTROL OF
25 THE L.A. RIVER WILL ALLOW THIS AND MORE FOR OUR REGION,

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1 BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE FEWER RESTRICTIONS, GREATER AGILITY, MORE
2 FUNDING FLEXIBILITY, AND ENHANCED ABILITY TO TRULY FOCUS ON
3 THE NEEDS OF OUR REGION. RIVER L.A. HAS WORKED CLOSELY FOR
4 YEARS WITH STAKEHOLDERS AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE, AND
5 FEDERAL LEVEL, INCLUDING THE ARMY CORPS, TO IMAGINE A NEW
6 FUTURE FOR THE L.A. RIVER AND OUR REGION. I KNOW WE ALL SHARE
7 A DESIRE TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE RIVER. WE ARE EXCITED TO
8 SUPPORT TODAY'S RESOLUTION AS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR THAT
9 INTEGRATED, INNOVATIVE, AND EQUITABLE VISION FOR THE L.A.
10 RIVER.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE
13 HAVE A FEW MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE CALLED.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
16 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
17 NAME: GEORGE BUZZETTI, SARAH RASCON, STEPHEN MEJIA-CARRANZA,
18 THOMAS FARMER, AND VICTOR TRUJILLO. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
19 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **JOSE JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, CHAIR,
24 SUPERVISORS, AND STAFF, AS WELL. THANKS FOR THE THOROUGH
25 PRESENTATION. MY NAME IS JOSE JIMENEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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1 DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE. WE'RE HERE AS PART OF
2 THE FIRST DISTRICT. WITH US IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY IS THE
3 HONORABLE MAYOR, GLORIA OLMOS, AS WELL AS OUR ESTEEMED DEPUTY
4 CITY MANAGER RACHEL BARBOSA. THE TOPIC OF THE DAM IS VERY
5 IMPORTANT AND NEAR AND DEAR TO US IN THE CITY AND COMMUNITY OF
6 SOUTH EL MONTE. I BELIEVE THE MOTIONS THIS MORNING PLACES A
7 GEOGRAPHIC STAMP, AS FAR AS THE LOCATION OF THE DAM, AND IT
8 SITS AT OUR SOUTHERNMOST BORDER. SO ANY ACTION IMPACTS TO THE
9 DAM ARE-- THERE'S A DIRECT EFFECT, POSITIVE AND/OR NEGATIVE,
10 TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE WITH OUR PRESENCE HERE. WE WOULD
11 LIKE TO SAY THAT WE'RE ENGAGED. WE'RE INTERESTED IN THE TOPIC.
12 WE BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCCESS IN THAT AREA IS ALSO A SUCCESS FOR
13 THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE. AND IT IS THEREFORE WHY WE'RE HERE
14 THIS MORNING. TO THE SUPERVISOR, HILDA SOLIS, WE THANK YOU FOR
15 BRINGING THESE MOTIONS FORWARD. GRATEFUL AND NEAR AND DEAR TO
16 MY HEART, AGAIN, BECAUSE IN THE NEWS WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT
17 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE DAM, BUT NOT A LOT IS HEARD ABOUT THE
18 COMMUNITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS, AGAIN,
19 THAT COULD HAPPEN. SO, AGAIN, IN A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY, WE'RE
20 HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION AS PUT FORWARD BY THE SUPERVISOR.
21 THANK YOU, AND HAVE A GREAT DAY.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **CARRIE SUTKIN:** HI. MY NAME IS CARRIE SUTKIN, AND I'M A
2 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. I LIVE IN ELYSIAN VALLEY, RIGHT ON
3 THE L.A. RIVER, AND LIVED THERE FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS, AND IT'S A
4 VERY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE FROM, YOU KNOW, LOOKING AT THE HIGH
5 LEVEL AND THE BIG MAP, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE THE ARMY CORPS
6 RESPONSIBLE AND IN OUR REACH. AND THERE IS TRASH. THERE IS A
7 LOT OF DEBRIS. THEY'RE ACTUALLY OUT THERE WORKING RIGHT NOW, I
8 HAVE TO SAY. AND I ALSO KIND OF SHARE THE FEELING LIKE WE
9 DON'T WANT TO RISK WHAT WE HAVE. HOWEVER, IT NEEDS TO BE
10 OVERHAULED. AND THE PROBLEM IS NOT-- OR THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOT
11 JUST WITH THE COUNTY AND THE ARMY CORPS, BUT IT'S ALSO WITH
12 OUR CITY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, IF YOU LIVE RIGHT
13 ON THE RIVER'S EDGE, THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION ABOUT WHO'S
14 RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT. EVERY INCH OF THAT RIVER, FROM TOP OF
15 THE LEVEE, WATER AND POWER EASEMENTS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
16 CONTROLS THE METROLINK. THE COUNTY HAS EASEMENTS AND EVEN
17 PARCELS THAT THEY OWN JUST OFF THE LEVEE, BUT THEY'RE IN THE
18 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND SO IT'S A VERY-- I MEAN, ELYSIAN VALLEY IS
19 KIND OF GROUND ZERO FOR THIS, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN-- ALSO, THE
20 SUCCESS IS THAT PEOPLE LOVE THE L.A. RIVER AND L.A. CITY AND
21 SOUTH PASADENA, AND THEY DRIVE FROM ALL OVER TO COME AND RIDE
22 THROUGH IT. BUT IT'S SO POPULAR, AND THE PATH WAS DONE SO
23 QUICKLY THAT IT'S ONLY A CLASS-I BIKE PATH. AND SO THE CITY
24 TELLS US TO SAY IT'S A SHARED PATH, BUT IT'S TRULY JUST A
25 CLASS-I BIKE PATH. AND AS YOU KNOW, THAT'S NOT ADEQUATE FOR

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1 PEDESTRIANS. AND WE HAVE SENIORS AND DISABLED PEOPLE AND
2 VETERANS. PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER THE CITY-- DOWNTOWN, EL
3 MONTE, MONTEBELLO. WE HAVE BOYS AND GIRL SCOUTS COMING DOWN,
4 AND THEY CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT THE BIRDS BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID
5 OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH BIKES. SO I'M SAYING, "BUYER
6 BEWARE." THERE ARE AS-IS CONDITIONS THAT WE REALLY WANT TO
7 SHARE WITH YOU. I'M ACTIVE ON MY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. WE HAD
8 A MEETING LAST NIGHT. 16 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS ALONG THE RIVER
9 ARE ALL VERY INTERESTED IN THIS, BUT WE'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED
10 IN THE PROCESS.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **MELANIE WINTER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M MELANIE WINTER. I'M THE
15 FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE RIVER PROJECT. WE'RE A NONPROFIT
16 ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR 20 YEARS. WE FOCUS ON
17 WATERSHED PLANNING AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT. WE'VE BEEN
18 ADVOCATING TO BEGIN THIS STUDY OF THE DIVESTITURE PROCESS
19 SINCE IT FIRST BECAME POSSIBLE AFTER THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
20 SCIENCES STUDY IN 2012. MR. PESTRELLA WILL TELL YOU THAT I
21 THINK I'M THE FIRST PERSON WHO BROUGHT IT TO HIS ATTENTION.
22 I'M EXCITED THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY, TALKING ABOUT TAKING THE
23 NEXT STEP. AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN AN ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE, OUR
24 CHALLENGES ARE MANY AND OVERLAPPING. LAST WEEK'S PAPER, THE
25 DAY AFTER THE ARTICLE ON THE DAM, WAS THE ARTICLE ABOUT HOW

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1 MUCH WATER WE'RE CONTINUING TO THROW AWAY. THESE TWO THINGS
2 TOGETHER NEED TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER. THAT'S NOT SOMETHING
3 WE CAN DO AS LONG AS THE ARMY CORPS HAS JURISDICTION. IT'S
4 SOMETHING WE CAN START TO MOVE TOWARDS DOING BETTER WITH LOCAL
5 CONTROL HERE AT THE COUNTY, AND HOPEFULLY ALSO IN PARTNERSHIP
6 WITH THE STATE, WHO HAS A LOT OF RESOURCES TO BRING TO THE
7 TABLE IN THE PROCESS OF THIS STUDY AND IN MOVING FORWARD.
8 [COUGHS.] EXCUSE ME. THE RIVER AS A RIVER WILL SERVE US MUCH
9 BETTER IN THE 21ST CENTURY THAN THE RIVER AS A PIECE OF
10 DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. RIVERS, CREEKS, AND STREAMS ARE SOME
11 OF THE HARDEST WORKERS FOR CARBON SEQUESTRATION. WE'RE GOING
12 TO NEED AN AWFUL LOT OF DRAWDOWN TO KEEP US UNDER 1.5. OUR
13 RIVERS, CREEKS, AND STREAMS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT.
14 THEY ALSO SERVE TO COOL COMMUNITIES, PROTECT HABITAT, AND
15 PROVIDE NUMEROUS OTHER BENEFITS. WE HAVEN'T BEEN THINKING
16 ABOUT OUR SYSTEM THIS WAY. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ENCOURAGES US
17 TO THINK THIS WAY. IF WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE COUNTY AS A
18 PRIME PARTNER HERE, AND THE PRIME LEADER HERE, RATHER THAN THE
19 ARMY CORPS, WE COULD MOVE MORE QUICKLY AND WITH AN INTEGRATED
20 APPROACH THAT ALLOWS US TO CONSIDER THE RIVER AS A RIVER.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IS IT ME? OH, NO. GO AHEAD.

25

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1 **SARA RASCON:** SARAH RASCON HERE, WITH THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION
2 CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. I'M THE URBAN RIVER PROGRAM OFFICER
3 FOR THE AGENCY, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE
4 DIRECTOR, JOE EDMISTON, FROM THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
5 CONSERVANCY, AND WE'RE HERE AND EXCITED ABOUT THIS ITEM, AND
6 BELIEVE IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND IT DOES
7 PRESENT A BENEFIT, ESPECIALLY WITH THE CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION
8 THAT FOLKS HAVE WHEN ADDRESSING THE RIVER, AND OFTEN LEAVES
9 INDIVIDUALS UNAWARE OF WHO IS IN CHARGE OF WHAT ELEMENT. AND
10 THAT CONFUSION IS EVEN MORE WHEN THE VARYING JURISDICTIONS
11 BASED ON VARIOUS ISSUES DO COME TO THE SURFACE. SO, AS AN
12 AGENCY WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE RIVER FOR OVER 20 YEARS, WE
13 CAN ATTEST TO THE CHALLENGES SIMPLY IN NAVIGATING A PROJECT.
14 AND UNDER ONE JURISDICTION, PROJECTS AND PLANNING CAN BE
15 STREAMLINED AND ALLOW FOR MORE MULTIPURPOSE, MULTI-BENEFIT
16 PROJECTS AND PLANNING FOR PEOPLE THAT CAN HAPPEN SOONER,
17 RATHER THAN LATER, AND WOULD ELIMINATE CHALLENGES IN HAVING TO
18 GO THROUGH VARIOUS AGENCIES AND ENTITIES FOR PERMITS FOR THE
19 GREATER GOOD AND FOR THESE PROJECTS. SO UNDER ONE LOCAL AGENCY
20 OPERATING MAINTENANCE, THERE IS A BENEFIT IN ISSUES REMAINING
21 LOCAL, AND CREATING FOR A BETTER RESPONSE RATE AND PUBLIC
22 INTERACTION WITH A LOCAL-CENTRIC ENTITY. SO THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, FINE. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. WE
2 ALSO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF THE RIVER RIGHT THROUGH. BUT
3 WHITTIER NARROWS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR HISTORY. AND THE
4 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS-- I THINK WE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS BEFORE
5 WE TRY TO WASH OUR HANDS OF THAT GROUP. THAT IS A HISTORIC
6 GROUP THAT DID AN INCREDIBLE BUILD IN AMERICA, NUMBER ONE. AND
7 NUMBER TWO, DURING A TIME WHEN PUBLIC WORKS WAS IGNORING OUR
8 CRIES, AND THE MARINA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT A GIANT BOAT CENTRAL
9 MACHINE THAT THEY WERE ALL RUBBER-STAMPING, THE CORPS WANTED
10 TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE HEARING, AND THAT WAS, I BELIEVE, THE
11 HEARING AT WHICH WE BUILT THE FOUNDATION TO KNOCK THAT THING
12 DOWN, BECAUSE IT WAS AN APPALLING MISUSE OF THE PUBLIC LAND.
13 SO IN THIS CASE, I LOVE THE IDEA OF ALL THE RESTORATION AND
14 GOOD WORK WE CAN DO WITH THE CORPS, BUT TO GET RID OF THEM,
15 WHY DON'T WE SEE IF THEY'LL COME TO THE TABLE WITH SOMETHING
16 BEFORE WE THROW THEM OVERBOARD, WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **STEPHEN MEJIA-CARRANZA:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
22 JANICE HAHN, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PARTICULARLY
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR PULLING THIS ITEM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MY
24 NAME IS STEVEN MEJIA. I'M THE POLICY AND ADVOCACY MANAGER FOR
25 FRIENDS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW

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1 F.O.L.A.R. HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS FOR QUITE SOME TIME, FOR
2 OVER 30 YEARS, BRINGING PEOPLE DOWN TO THE RIVER TO HAVE A
3 RELATIONSHIP WITH IT, IN ORDER TO BETTER INFORM OUR IDEAS
4 ABOUT WHAT THE RIVER CAN MEAN FOR OUR FUTURE LIVES. AND I
5 THINK, FIRST OF ALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT FOR
6 THE DIVESTITURE MOTION, SO ITEM NO. 8, SPECIFICALLY, BECAUSE
7 WE THINK-- MENTIONED BY SOME OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS ALREADY
8 HERE, BUT HAVING BETTER LOCAL CONTROL WOULD MAKE US BETTER
9 RESPONSIVE TO SOME OF THE LOCAL NEEDS. AND OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE
10 BEEN TALKING THROUGH, AS A STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR--
11 INSIDE THE L.A. COUNTY RIVER MASTER PLAN PROCESS, WE'VE BEEN
12 TALKING ABOUT THE NEED FOR A WATERSHED APPROACH, AND WE REALLY
13 DO FEEL THAT THIS WOULD-- IT'S A FIRST STEP TO HELP US
14 FACILITATE THAT CONVERSATION AND REALLY DELIVER THOSE
15 BENEFITS. A WATERSHED APPROACH REQUIRES, AS MELANIE SORT OF
16 REFERENCED, A SORT OF BROADER VIEW, A BIGGER PICTURE, AND IT
17 REQUIRES THINKING ABOUT OUR PARTNERS AT THE STATE, THINKING
18 ABOUT SOME OF THE LOCAL ENTITIES THAT CAN REALLY HELP US THINK
19 THROUGH THIS. SO WE REALLY SEE THIS AS A REALLY WONDERFUL,
20 POSITIVE STEP FORWARD. HOWEVER, I THINK WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE
21 SURE THAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT-- WE WANT EXPEDIENCY, OF
22 COURSE, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S TRANSPARENCY,
23 AND THAT THERE'S OPEN DIALOGUE ABOUT THIS PROCESS. AND
24 NEGOTIATION-- THE DETAILS ABOUT HOW THIS IS NEGOTIATED, I
25 THINK, SHOULD ALSO MAKE SURE IT ENABLES THAT FUTURE VISION

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1 THAT WE HAVE. AND SO OUR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE IS REALLY
2 THE LITMUS TEST FOR WHETHER OR NOT OUR POLICIES AND OUR
3 PRIORITIES ARE ACTUALLY MET. AND I THINK THE TRUTH IS, UP
4 UNTIL THIS POINT, WE'VE HAD TO CHOOSE, DO WE WANT A CONCRETE
5 CHANNEL IN ORDER TO PROTECT HOMES FROM FLOODS, OR DO WE WANT
6 TO HAVE THESE MULTIPLE BENEFITS? AND I THINK WE'RE AT THE
7 POINT IN TIME WHERE THIS CAN ENABLE US TO HAVE A DIFFERENT
8 CONVERSATION. SO WE'RE THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX AND NOT
9 RELYING ON THE SAME ANTIQUATED TOOLS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. FIRST, SARAH FROM PUBLIC
15 WORKS, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, YOUR GREAT PRESENTATION. AND
16 YOU ACTUALLY ARE LISTENING TO THE SPEAKERS, AND THAT IS
17 ADMIRABLE. THAT IS A SIGN OF A TRUE MIND. I DIDN'T KNOW THIS
18 ISSUE WAS COMING UP. I GET ABOUT 150 EMAILS. NATIONAL
19 SECURITY, EVERYTHING-- YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE. I KNOW WHAT THE
20 HELL'S GOING ON. AND IN THERE, I READ ABOUT THIS DAM, SIR,
21 WHAT NOBODY SAID IS THIS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS "DAM" THING IN
22 THE UNITED STATES. IT CAN TAKE OUT 1.3 MILLION PEOPLE IN ONE
23 SHOT, CAN'T IT? THIS IS NOT SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH. SO WE
24 BETTER LISTEN TO WHAT ERIC WAS SAYING BEFORE WE MAKE ANY
25 DRAMATIC MOVES, BECAUSE IN THIS ENVIRONMENT COMING UP IN

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1 GLOBAL WARMING-- THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS, ON THIS-- YOU KNOW
2 WHAT I'M LIKE WITH YOU PEOPLE WHEN YOU'RE WRONG, BUT I WILL
3 BACK YOU UP WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, AND YOU SEE IT ALL THE TIME,
4 LIKE I GAVE MY TIME UP TO THAT LADY. YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
5 ABOUT THIS, AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MAN HERE. SIR, YOU'RE ONE
6 OF THE FEW PEOPLE HERE THAT I'LL EVER SAY THIS ABOUT. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GEORGE. LET'S GET THIS GUY
10 ANOTHER ICE CREAM SANDWICH.

11

12 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OH, I FORGOT ABOUT THE ICE CREAM SANDWICH.
13 THAT'S THE MOST FUN I'VE EVER HAD.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT PUT YOU IN A GOOD MOOD. OKAY. THANK YOU.
16 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** HI. MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO. I AM VERY,
19 VERY SURPRISED. YOU GOT THIS MAN COMING HERE, ONE MAN FOR THE
20 COUNTY, AND GOING TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
21 WE DON'T NEED A PROJECT. I UNDERSTOOD HE JUST SAID EVERY DAM
22 WILL NOT BREAK DOWN. SO, BASICALLY, SOMEONE'S LYING, AND
23 THAT'S NOT COOL. WE HEAR A LADY COMING. THEY'RE GOING LOSE ALL
24 THE PROJECTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED OR ALL THE PEOPLE IN THAT
25 AREA. THE LATINOS ARE NOT GOING TO GET NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING.

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1 SO WE WANT A CONTROL WITH WATER FLOWS THAT THIS MAN SAYS IT'S
2 PERFECTLY FINE. BUT YEAH, WE COULD TAKE IT ON. HE SAYS LAST
3 TIME WE HAD A PROBLEM, WE HAD TO BEG FOR SOME MONEY ON THE
4 OUTSIDE. AND WE NEED \$17 BILLION, AND THAT'S WHAT THE
5 GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO PAY. BUT IF THEY DON'T PAY THAT, THEY CAN
6 PAY FOR THE WALL IN SAN DIEGO. SO I'M SITTING THERE GOING,
7 "WOW." AND HE JUST SAID HE WENT TO WASHINGTON. HE JUST SAID,
8 "HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT? WE GOT TO DO-- THESE ARE THE PROBLEMS WE
9 GOT." SO THAT'S PRETTY MUCH A POLITICAL DEAL. WE'RE SITTING
10 HERE LIKE A BUNCH OF IDIOTS AND BRING 20 DIFFERENT NONPROFIT
11 GROUPS ABOUT WATER, HAS NOTHING TO DO. THEY JUST GET PAID TO
12 SIT AND CALL WATER RIVER, AND THAT'S IT. BUT THIS IS A
13 DISGRACE. THIS SHOULD BE VOTED BY THE VOTERS, THIS SHOULD BE
14 LOOKED AT UNDER A MICROSCOPE, AND THIS IS CALLED COLLUSION.
15 WHEN YOU BRING IN ALL THESE LAWS AND YOU START LISTENING TO
16 THIS, WE'RE GETTING REALLY EDUCATED BY YOU PEOPLE. THANK YOU.
17 BUT LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMY CORPS ALONE. BASICALLY,
18 THEY GOT THEIR PROJECTS. THIS MAN SAYS, "HEY, THEY DO GOOD."
19 WE CANNOT-- WE'RE USING NEWSPAPERS TO TALK BAD ABOUT OUR
20 GOVERNMENT, TALKING BAD ABOUT OUR CONGRESS. THIS IS BALONEY.
21 WE NEED TO STICK TO OUR GUN AND TAKE CARE OF L.A. LEAVE THAT
22 WATER, THE STREAM. IT'S SOME TYPE OF-- SOME FAIRY-TALE STORY.
23 WE'RE JUST PUTTING TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO SUPPLY GOVERNMENT
24 MONEY, THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT PAYS PEOPLE TO GO TO JAIL.
25 WE NEED TO KEEP THAT MONEY TO OURSELVES, TO HELP OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, NOT DRAIN OURSELVES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HELPING
2 THE JAILS, CHANGING THE SYSTEM, BUT WE'RE GOING TO GO AND BUY
3 A STREAM. PLEASE. EVERYBODY SAFE, PLEASE. I'M NOT AGAINST IT,
4 BUT THIS IS A LIE. WE SHOULD LOOK AT IT UNDER A MICROSCOPE.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. YEAH, SPEAKING OF FLOODS AND
10 SPEAKING OF WATER, LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I HAVE WHITE FRIENDS
11 THAT ARE MY FRIENDS. I HAVE WHITE PEOPLE THAT ARE MY ENEMIES.
12 I HAVE HISPANICS AND OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE MY FRIENDS, AND
13 THEY ARE MY ENEMIES. BUT SPEAKING OF WATER, IT'S FUNNY THAT--
14 I THINK IT WAS AROUND MAYBE 300, 400 YEARS AGO, I WAS LAYING
15 IN JAMESTOWN BY THE RIVER. JUST GOT THROUGH FIGHTING SOME
16 INDIANS, AND SOME HOMELESS PEOPLE CAME AND THEY KNOCKED ON--
17 OH, YOU KNOW WHAT, IT WASN'T NO HOMELESS PEOPLE, BECAUSE I WAS
18 THE ONLY PERSON THERE, LIKE I'M STILL HERE NOW. SEE, Y'ALL
19 GOT-- I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT Y'ALL ARE TALKING BACK AND FORTH
20 ABOUT. Y'ALL NEED TO COME TO ME TO BE ABLE TO GET WHAT YOU
21 NEED DONE, BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS GOING TO BE HERE, AND I'M THE
22 TRUTH. SO WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN IS A DEBT OWED. YOU SEE? SO
23 I'M ABOUT TO GET PAID ON THAT DEBT. AND I WISH YOU WOULD TRY
24 TO HANG ME LIKE YOU DID THEM [EXPLETIVE] IN OKLAHOMA. YOU SEE
25 WHAT I'M SAYING? Y'ALL GOT ME [EXPLETIVE] UP. SO ALL THIS

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1 [EXPLETIVE] THAT Y'ALL TALKING IS IRRELEVANT TO WHAT HAPPENED
2 A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I'M GETTING WARMED UP.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT THOSE ARE ALL THE
9 SPEAKERS AT THIS TIME, SO ITEMS 8 AND 9, AS AMENDED, ARE
10 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
12 UNANIMOUS VOTE. SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, NOW
13 WE ARE ON ITEM 18-A, AND I KNOW WE HAVE SOME FRIENDS FROM THE
14 PALOS VERDES PENINSULA THAT HAVE COME DOWN HERE TODAY.
15 COLLEAGUES, I'M JUST GOING TO SET THE STAGE A LITTLE BIT FOR
16 THIS. IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE,
17 SO I JUST REALLY WANTED TO REMIND US THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE
18 ADDRESSING. MAY I PLEASE ASK THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE
19 LEAVING TO TRY TO DO IT IN AS QUIET AS A WAY. THIS MEETING IS
20 STILL GOING ON. SO JUST BECAUSE YOUR ITEM IS FINISHED DOESN'T
21 MEAN THAT WE'RE NOT STILL IN OUR MEETING. THANK YOU. A FEW
22 YEARS AGO, THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HAD BEEN DEALING WITH A
23 SPIKE IN UNDERAGE DRINKING PARTIES AT PRIVATE RESIDENCES.
24 UNDERAGE DRINKING IS DANGEROUS IN ANY CONTEXT, BUT EVEN MORE
25 SO ON THE PENINSULA THAT HAS FEWER STREETLIGHTS AND WINDING

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1 ROADS THAT REALLY INCREASE THE DANGERS OF DRUNK DRIVING. IN
2 RESPONSE, THE CITIES OF THE PENINSULA-- PALOS VERDES ESTATES,
3 RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ROLLING HILLS, AND ROLLING HILLS ESTATES--
4 - HAD PUT IN PLACE A SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE, WHICH IMPOSES
5 FINES ON HOMEOWNERS OF THE PROPERTY WHERE UNDERAGE DRINKING
6 OCCURS. THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THERE WERE THREE UNINCORPORATED
7 AREAS THAT SIT IN BETWEEN THESE FOUR CITIES ON THE PENINSULA.
8 AND, RIGHTLY SO, RESIDENTS WORRIED THAT THE UNDERAGE DRINKING
9 PARTIES WOULD MOVE INTO THESE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. SO, IN
10 RESPONSE, I WAS ASKED TO PILOT A SIMILAR SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE
11 IN THOSE THREE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, IN ORDER TO CREATE A
12 UNIFORM, PENINSULA-WIDE SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE. AND I
13 APPRECIATED THAT THIS BOARD SUPPORTED THAT PILOT PROGRAM A
14 YEAR AGO. AND GOOD NEWS. A YEAR LATER, THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S
15 STATION SAYS THE ORDINANCE IS WORKING, AND IT HAS DISCOURAGED
16 UNDERAGE DRINKING ON THE PENINSULA. SO WITH THIS MOTION TODAY,
17 I'M ASKING THAT THAT TEMPORARY ORDINANCE BE MADE PERMANENT. I
18 BELIEVE THIS IS A COMMONSENSE DECISION, AND ONE THAT WILL
19 CONTINUE TO SAVE LIVES. AND I KNOW WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC. I DIDN'T KNOW IF OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WANTED TO OPEN
21 UP WITH ANY REMARKS.

22

23 **LT. MIKE WHITE:** GOOD MORNING, MA'AM. MY NAME'S LIEUTENANT MIKE
24 WHITE. I'M THE OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT AND ACTING CAPTAIN IN THE
25 LOMITA SHERIFF'S STATION, AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF A

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1 PERMANENT ORDINANCE, IF POSSIBLE, COVERING OUR UNINCORPORATED
2 AREAS IN THE SOCIAL HOST LIABILITY ORDINANCE. WE GOT THE WORD
3 OUT LAST YEAR IN JUNE ABOUT OUR OTHER CITIES-- ROLLING HILLS,
4 ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES-- ON OUR
5 FACEBOOK PAGE, REGARDING UNDERAGE DRINKING, AND THE ORDINANCES
6 THAT HAD BEEN ENACTED, AND WE HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED ANY PARTIES
7 WHERE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED THAT TO DATE. SO I'M SUPPORTING THE
8 ORDINANCE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO IT'S WORKING.

11

12 **LT. MIKE WHITE:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US, AND I'D
17 ACTUALLY LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR PASSING THIS TEMPORARY
18 ORDINANCE, AND I WOULD ASK THAT-- YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT IN
19 MAKING IT PERMANENT. I WILL TELL YOU, NOT ALL ORDINANCES ARE
20 OUT THERE TO PUNISH PEOPLE OR TO CITE PEOPLE. THEY OFTENTIMES,
21 NUMBER ONE, ARE A TOOL FOR OUR DEPUTIES. NUMBER TWO, IT GIVES
22 US THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN A CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE FOLKS, TO
23 REACH OUT TO THEM, AND LET THEM KNOW THE DANGERS THAT YOU
24 POINTED OUT, SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT'S SOMETHING THAT OUR DEPUTIES
25 BELIEVE IN. THEY UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS OF DRUNK DRIVING,

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1 ESPECIALLY UNDERAGE DRUNK DRIVING, AND THIS ORDINANCE HAS
2 HELPED US. ONCE AGAIN, IT'S JUST GIVEN US ANOTHER TOOL, SO
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
6 GOOD WORK EVERYWHERE, AND PARTICULARLY ON THE PENINSULA. MADAM
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT
8 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS?

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD
11 COUNCILMEMBER BEA DIERINGER, LINDA REID, MAYOR PATRICK WILSON,
12 COUNCILMEMBER SUSAN BROOKS, GREG GRAMMER, AND MITZI CRESS
13 PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE SEE YOU, C.A.P.E. COME ON. WELCOME. THANK
16 YOU FOR COMING.

17

18 **LINDA REID:** THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHICHEVER ONE OF YOU WANTS TO SPEAK FIRST,
21 GO AHEAD.

22

23 **LINDA REID:** MAYOR WILSON, DO YOU WANT ME TO GO FIRST? OKAY,
24 SURE. HI, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US TODAY. MY NAME
25 IS LINDA REID. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN

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1 THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M JOINED
2 BY RETIRED PRINCIPAL MITZI CRESS AND MY COLLEAGUES FROM
3 ROLLING HILLS CITY COUNCIL. YOU GUYS KNOW ALL THE BASICS OF
4 THE SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE. THANK YOU, FOR YOUR WORDS WERE MORE
5 ELOQUENT THAN ANYTHING I COULD POSSIBLY SAY. IT HAS GONE WELL
6 IN OUR FOUR CITIES. PALOS VERDES ESTATES HAS ISSUED SOME
7 CITATIONS RECENTLY, WHICH IS FANTASTIC. IT HAS WORKED AS A
8 DETERRENT. SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES AND TEENAGE DRINKING ARE NOT
9 SOMETHING THAT IMPACTS CERTAIN SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS, CERTAIN
10 TYPES OF STUDENTS, CERTAIN TYPES OF KIDS. JUST LIKE MENTAL
11 HEALTH ISSUES, THEY AFFECT ALL TEENS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
12 AND SO THESE ISSUES WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND UNDERAGE DRINKING,
13 IN FACT, KIND OF GO HAND IN HAND FOR OUR STUDENTS. SO I REALLY
14 WANT TO URGE YOU TO PASS THIS PERMANENT RESOLUTION. ADOPTING
15 IT THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, EVEN, IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD
16 LOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE A LOOK AT IN ALL YOUR
17 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. TEENAGE DRINKING IS NOT A RITE OF
18 PASSAGE. AND SO, FOR OUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, THANK YOU SO MUCH
19 FOR YOUR WORK, AS WELL. AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FROM THE BOTTOM
20 OF MY HEART, TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND
21 STUDENTS REALLY MEANS THE WORLD TO US, SO THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **MITZI CRESS:** MY NAME'S MITZI CRESS, AND I'M THE RETIRED
2 PRINCIPAL OF PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL. AND JUST
3 BEFORE I RETIRED, THE MONTHS COMING UP TO MY RETIREMENT IN
4 JUNE 2017, THIS WAS ONE OF THE PROUDEST THINGS THAT I FEEL
5 THAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN GETTING OUR FOUR CITIES TO PASS THIS
6 SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE. BUT, AGAIN, WE HAD THESE THREE LITTLE
7 TINY POCKETS WHICH ARE UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION, AND THERE WAS
8 THE TALK OF THAT'S WHERE THE PARTIES WOULD BE. IT'S REALLY SAD
9 THAT WE EVEN HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS. I HAVE LIVED IN THIS
10 COMMUNITY MY ENTIRE LIFE, AND, SADLY, THERE ARE PARENTS THAT
11 WANT TO MAKE THEIR CHILDREN POPULAR BY HAVING THE PARTIES AT
12 THEIR HOUSE, AND HAVING THE ALCOHOL. AS PRINCIPAL, I WOULD TRY
13 TO KEEP THE KIDS SAFE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, BUT WEEKENDS I
14 WOULD DREAD. I WOULD OFTEN GET PHONE CALLS FROM YOU GUYS,
15 TELLING ME THAT ONE OF MY STUDENTS HAD BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT, OR
16 THERE HAD BEEN A PARTY, OR A PARENT WOULD CALL, COMPLETELY
17 STRESSED OUT: "MY CHILD HAS HAD ALCOHOL POISONING." I WOULD GO
18 TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. I WOULD LEARN THAT PARENTS WOULD BE THE
19 ONES BEHIND THE BAR, MIXING THE MARGARITAS, TO MAKE THEM COOL.
20 WITH EDUCATION AND WITH THIS, IT HAS GIVEN PARENTS THE TOOL TO
21 SAY, "OH, I'D LOVE TO HAVE A PARTY, HONEY, BUT, YOU KNOW, I
22 DON'T WANT TO BE CHARGED THAT FINE OR HAVE A PROBLEM." SO WE
23 HAVE EMPOWERED PARENTS TO SAY NO, AND I THINK WE'VE DONE A
24 GREAT JOB IN EDUCATING THE PARENTS. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF
25 YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS, FOR PUTTING THE TEMPORARY ONE

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1 TOGETHER, AND I AM BACK OUT OF RETIREMENT FOR ONE MORNING TO
2 SAY THIS IS IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE WE HAVE SAVED LIVES, AND
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WORTH COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT FOR. NEXT
6 SPEAKER.

7

8 **BEA DIERINGER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND ALL
9 THE OTHER HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
10 NAME IS BEA DIERINGER. I'M A COUNCILMEMBER IN THE CITY OF
11 ROLLING HILLS, AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE,
12 WHICH WE FEEL IS VERY, VERY MUCH NEEDED. AS YOU KNOW, AND IT
13 WAS MENTIONED, ALL OF OUR CITIES ON THE HILL, AS WE CALL PALOS
14 VERDES PENINSULA, HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR OF A SOCIAL HOST
15 ORDINANCE. SO THIS ORDINANCE IS SORELY NEEDED TO CLOSE THE GAP
16 SO THAT OUR TEENS ATTENDING OUR SCHOOLS AND LIVING IN THE
17 UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE NOT GOING TO FEEL PRESSURED BY THEIR
18 FRIENDS TO HOST A PARTY THAT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN ANY OF
19 THE OTHER INCORPORATED CITIES. AND SO OUR CITY WAS VOTED TO
20 ENACT THIS SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE AFTER WE WERE APPROACHED BY
21 MEMBERS SUCH AS YOU'VE HEARD HERE-- OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS,
22 MEMBERS OF OUR P.T.A.-- WHO URGED US OF THE NECESSITY THAT WE
23 HEARD FROM OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS WELL. SO WE ALSO HEARD
24 OF THE RESEARCH STUDIES THAT CORROBORATED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
25 SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES IN BEING ABLE TO CURB THE PROBLEMS

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1 ASSOCIATED WITH TEEN DRINKING PARTIES. AND IN MY WORK AS A
2 FULL-TIME DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
3 ANGELES, I HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS EXAMPLES IN WHICH PARTIES THAT
4 WERE INTENDED TO BE LIMITED TO ALCOHOL-ONLY, OR TO A SMALLER
5 NUMBER OF GUESTS, QUICKLY GOT OUT OF HAND WITH PEOPLE EITHER
6 BEING INVITED OR BEING UNINVITED, BRINGING DRUGS, GANG
7 MEMBERS, GUNS TO THE PARTY, AND CAUSING INNOCENT PEOPLE TO GET
8 INJURED, SHOT, AND EVEN KILLED. SO THIS ORDINANCE WOULD HELP
9 US TO PROTECT OUR TEENS AND OTHERS FROM ALL OF THESE
10 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. SO I URGE YOUR VOTE IN SUPPORT OF
11 THIS ORDINANCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER. SOON TO
14 BE-- WELL, MAYOR OF ROLLING HILLS, BUT ONLY FOR A FEW MORE
15 WEEKS, RIGHT?

16

17 **PAT WILSON:** THAT'S TRUE. COUPLE MORE WEEKS. MY NAME IS PAT
18 WILSON. I AM MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS. THANK YOU,
19 MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS WAS
20 MENTIONED, ROLLING HILLS WAS ONE OF FOUR CITIES ON THE PALOS
21 VERDES PENINSULA. WE'RE THE SMALLEST BUT THE MIGHTIEST. AND WE
22 WERE, I BELIEVE, ONE OF THE LAST CITIES TO CONSIDER A SOCIAL
23 HOST ORDINANCE. AND AT THE TIME, WE, AS WE CONSIDERED THIS, WE
24 FELT IT WAS GOOD POLICY, BUT WE PARTICULARLY DIDN'T WANT TO BE
25 THE CITY THAT WAS THE ISLAND IN THE PENINSULA THAT WOULD

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1 ALLOW, OR CONTINUE TO ALLOW, THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT
2 UNDERAGE PARTIES, SO WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY ADOPTED THIS ORDINANCE
3 IN OUR CITY. AND THEN IT CAME TO THE COUNTY TO TAKE THE SAME
4 POSITION, BECAUSE THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ISLAND, OR
5 THREE SMALL ISLANDS, WITHIN THE COUNTY. SO, FORTUNATELY AND
6 THANKFULLY, THE COUNTY DID STEP UP AND TAKE THE SAME POSITION
7 ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. SO, MY PERSONAL POLITICS ARE A LITTLE
8 BIT RIGHT OF CENTER, BUT CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT
9 TAKING ACTION REGARDING UNDERAGE DRINKING, I FELT IT WAS
10 IMPORTANT TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS AND SUPPORT THIS PROCESS. AT
11 THE RISK OF BEING A NANNY STATE, WHICH IT MAY BE CONSIDERED, I
12 THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO, AS I SAID, SUPPORT AND
13 ADOPT THIS ORDINANCE. AS YOU'VE HEARD, PALOS VERDES IS
14 RELATIVELY AFFLUENT, AND IT ATTRACTS A LOT OF TEENAGE PARTIES,
15 AND IT ALSO-- DUE TO SOCIAL MEDIA, WE GET A LOT OF GUESTS THAT
16 ARE NOT EVEN FROM THE AREA, AND SOMETIMES THE PARTIES DO GET
17 OUT OF CONTROL. SO WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY AND FOR THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HAVE A TOOL TO DEAL WITH THIS PROCESS.
19 YOU KNOW, IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, BUT THERE ARE SOME PARENTS
20 WHO THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO ALLOW THEIR KIDS TO DRINK IN
21 THEIR HOME, AS THEY KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO DRINK ANYWAY, IN
22 SOME CASES. I DON'T SUPPORT THAT. BUT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WITH
23 DOING THAT IS WHEN THERE'S GUESTS THAT ARE DRINKING. OF
24 COURSE, AT SOME POINT, THEY'RE GOING TO HIT THE ROAD, AND
25 THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT THERE DRIVING ON THE WINDING, DARK

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1 STREETS OF PALOS VERDES. AND YOU CAN CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES
2 FROM THAT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PAT. DO WE NEED TO CALL UP,
5 BEFORE SUSAN BROOKS TALKS, A FEW MORE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE
6 WHO WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN AND THOMAS FARMER PLEASE
9 COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** FORMER MAYOR AND NOW COUNCILWOMAN OF RANCHO
12 PALOS VERDES, SUSAN BROOKS, WELCOME.

13

14 **SUSAN BROOKS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE
15 HERE. AND THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS, FOR YOUR COMMUNITY
16 SERVICE, YOUR CIVIC SERVICE, THROUGHOUT MANY, MANY YEARS. ALL
17 OF YOU CUMULATIVELY ADD UP TO CENTURIES, PROBABLY. WE ARE--
18 I'M REPRESENTING THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES. WE ARE THE
19 LARGEST OF THE FOUR CITIES ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, AND
20 WE HAVE 43,000 IN OUR CITY. WE ARE A COMMUNITY, HOWEVER, AND
21 OUR SCHOOLS, WE SHARE THE SAME SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE SHARE THE
22 SAME LIBRARY SYSTEM. WE HAVE FOUR CITIES, THAT'S TRUE, BUT WE
23 HAVE THIS UNINCORPORATED AREA WHICH IS ALSO PART OF THE SAME
24 GEOGRAPHIC LAND MASS. I'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. I'VE
25 BEEN-- I'M A MEDIATOR. I'VE BEEN A TEACHER. I WAS A TEACHER

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1 WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL, WITH MITZI CRESS, WHO SPOKE HERE
2 EARLIER, AT PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS A TEACHER AT PALOS
3 VERDES HIGH SCHOOL, AND I ALSO TAUGHT AT RANCHO DEL MAR
4 CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL. I'VE BEEN A SPECIAL EDUCATION
5 TEACHER FOR 25 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN A MAYOR THREE TIMES. I AM SO
6 CONCERNED ABOUT OUR KIDS. WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR KIDS ARE OUR
7 FUTURE, AND WHAT THEY DESPERATELY NEED IS STRUCTURE. THEY NEED
8 STRUCTURE AT ANY AGE: AS THEY'RE GROWING UP, AS CHILDREN, INTO
9 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WHEN THEY GET INTO MIDDLE SCHOOL, THEY'RE
10 REALLY CHALLENGED. AND WHEN I WAS TEACHING IN THE HIGH SCHOOL
11 AND BEYOND, AS A MEDIATOR, AND AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, I HAVE
12 PERSONALLY DEALT WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE
13 THROUGH HORRIBLE SITUATIONS BECAUSE NOBODY WAS THERE TO TELL
14 THEM, "GET THESE KIDS OUT OF MY HOUSE." I'VE ALSO
15 UNFORTUNATELY HAD TO DEAL WITH A PARENT WHO WAS IN JAIL. HE
16 ENDED UP IN JAIL BECAUSE HE LET THESE KIDS INTO HIS HOUSE, AND
17 HE COULDN'T STOP THEM. AND WHEN HE COULDN'T STOP THEM, HE
18 ENDED UP IN TROUBLE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE AN ORDINANCE. WE
19 DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING AT THAT TIME. NOW THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN
20 EFFECTIVE. MY ONLY REQUEST FOR YOU WOULD BE TO CONSIDER WE
21 HAVE THREE STAGES: 2500, 5,000, 7,000, INCREMENTALLY. I KNOW
22 YOURS IS 1,000, BUT TO CONSIDER THAT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THIS PAINS ME TO SAY YOUR TIME IS UP, BUT
25 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **GREG GRAMMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR HAHN AND HONORABLE MEMBERS
3 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GREG GRAMMAR. I'M THE
4 ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES,
5 AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR CITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
6 MAKING THE COUNTY'S SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE PERMANENT IN THE
7 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA. HAVING A
8 CONSISTENT SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE THROUGHOUT THE PENINSULA WILL
9 GREATLY ASSIST OUR COMMUNITY AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN
10 ADDRESSING AND PREVENTING LOUD AND UNRULY PARTIES WHERE
11 UNDERAGE DRINKING OFTEN OCCURS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK
13 THAT THEY DO, AND THANK YOU, THE BOARD, FOR YOUR CONTINUED
14 SUPPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF THIS ORDINANCE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY. I
19 WANT TO IDENTIFY THIS GROUP FOR BEING SO CIVICALLY ENGAGED AND
20 POWERFUL TO COME DOWN HERE, GET THIS THING PUT INTO TEMPORARY,
21 AND NOW TRYING TO MAKE IT PERMANENT. I THINK THEY DESERVE AN
22 ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF APPLAUSE FOR BEING SO ENGAGED. WITH THAT
23 SAID, I WOULD SAY THAT THE IDEA OF A TEMPORARY LOOK AT THIS,
24 IT SOUNDED TO ME LIKE THERE WERE NO INSTANCES, SO THAT THOUGH
25 IT IS WORKING, WE WERE-- IT WAS ADVERTISED THAT THERE WERE ALL

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1 SORTS OF INSTANCES, AND THAT THIS WAS GOING TO STOP THINGS.
2 MAYBE IT DID, OR MAYBE IT DIDN'T, BUT IT'S GREAT BECAUSE THE
3 INSTANCES HAVE STOPPED OF THE BEHAVIOR. SO MAYBE WE COULD KEEP
4 IT TEMPORARY FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. THE THING I'M WORRIED
5 ABOUT, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, IS NOT THIS GROUP, BECAUSE THIS
6 GROUP IS EXTREMELY ACTIVE. BUT I'M WORRIED THAT IF IT IS
7 KISSED INTO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY-- AND I KNOW THIS SEEMS
8 TO BE LIMITED, BUT THE FINAL POINT IS THAT THIS WAS ALSO ON AN
9 "A" AGENDA ITEM, WHICH MEANS THAT IT WASN'T REALLY POSTED. SO
10 I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT IF THERE'S A WAY THAT WE COULD BRING IT
11 BACK ONE MORE TIME SO THAT FOLKS WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE HEARD
12 ABOUT IT, BECAUSE IT IS SO QUICK AND PERKY--

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES. SPEAKING OF SCHOOLS, YEAH, THE EDUCATION IN THE
17 SCHOOL SYSTEM IS JUST NOT GOOD. LIKE I SAID, I CAN REMEMBER,
18 YOU KNOW, A LONG TIME AGO, BACK AROUND EARLY 1600S, WHEN I WAS
19 RUNNING THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES, AND WE WERE THINKING ABOUT
20 MAKING A COLLEGE. BUT MY FRIEND, KING JAMES, HE PUT IT OFF ON
21 HOLD TO THE END OF THE CENTURY, AND THAT'S WHEN THEY MADE
22 WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE. NOW, SPEAKING OF THAT, SO Y'ALL GOT
23 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE THE POOREST AND DOING THE WORSE, AND NOT
24 TO MENTION THAT LOOK LIKE ME, IN THE WORST SCHOOLS, BACK WHEN
25 THERE WASN'T EVEN NO SCHOOLS HERE. SEE, I WANT TO PROVE-- THIS

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1 IS EASY. I DON'T CARE WHAT SUBJECT YOU TALK ABOUT, IT ALL
2 COMES BACK TO ME, BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS GOING TO BE HERE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT'S TRUE, BUT TRY TO STAY ON THE SUBJECT.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I AM ON THE SUBJECT. I'M TALKING ABOUT SCHOOL. ONCE
7 AGAIN, THERE WASN'T NO SCHOOL. [EXPLETIVE] ARE YOU TALKING
8 ABOUT? IT WAS JUST ME. SO, ONCE AGAIN, LIKE I SAID, Y'ALL NEED
9 TO GET THIS [EXPLETIVE] TOGETHER. SO, YOU KNOW, I COME IN
10 PEACE TODAY.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ALL GOOD.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. OKAY. IS THAT ALL THE
17 SPEAKERS? OKAY. THAT'S ALL THE SPEAKERS. THANKS AGAIN TO
18 EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE TIME. I KNOW HOW FAR THE COMMUTE IS FROM
19 DOWN THERE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SO I REALLY
20 APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU COMING AND FOR YOUR PASSION ABOUT THIS
21 ITEM. THIS ITEM IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE
23 ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
24 NOW IT'S TIME TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
25 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD

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1 BY THE SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL UP
2 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
5 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED
6 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: ITEMS 3, 5, 12,
7 15, 18-B, 18-C, 18-D. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO
8 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 4, 14, 15, 16, AND CS-2. GEORGE
9 BUZZETTI ON ITEMS 5 AND 15. THOMAS FARMER ON ITEMS 4, 5, 12,
10 14, 15, 16, 18-B, 18-C, 18-D, AND CS-2. AND GERALDINE MANNING
11 ON ITEM 4. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, WILL YOU COME FORWARD, MR. PREVEN? WE'RE
14 WAITING. OKAY, WILL YOU BEGIN THE CLOCK?

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. IS
17 EVERYBODY-- OH, SHE'S HAVING A PHOTO SHOOT. OKAY. FAIR ENOUGH.
18 ITEM 17 IS THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. NOW, MAX
19 HUNTSMAN HAS BEEN LOOKING WITH GREAT INTENSITY AT VARIOUS
20 THINGS. THE NUMBERS ON THE IPAD GRIEVANCE SYSTEM ARE ENOUGH TO
21 HAVE YOUR HEAD POP OFF. I MEAN, I JUST THINK WE NEED TO FIND
22 SOME SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT AGGREGATE THE MILLIONS OF AUTOMATIC
23 RESPONSES AND TREAT THEM THE SAME WAY AS THE 18 INDIVIDUALS
24 WHO FILED 43 GRIEVANCES, AND THEY NEVER MADE IT THROUGH
25 BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT SAT ON THAT PROCESS FOR SOME-- I GUESS

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1 THEY SAID THAT THEY SPEAK ON TOO MANY ITEMS OR, YOU KNOW, HAD
2 TOO MANY COMPLAINTS. IF YOU HAVE A REPETITIVE COMPLAINT, THEY
3 TRY TO-- THERE IS A DISQUALIFICATION METHODOLOGY THAT IS
4 COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE, IN MY OPINION. AND I WANT TO DRAW
5 ATTENTION-- I KNOW THAT-- OH, SHE'S BACK. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
6 HAHN HAS DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB, ALONG WITH MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,
7 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT OVER THE YEARS.
8 AND WE REACHED OUT FOR A LITTLE HELP THAT WAS NOT ABLE TO BE
9 DELIVERED, ALTHOUGH MR. IPPOLITO DID RISE TO THE OCCASION
10 BRIEFLY BEFORE SITTING DOWN IMMEDIATELY. BUT THIS GROUP IS
11 PARTNERING UP WITH THAT HOMELESS RESOURCES FAIR, AND I THINK,
12 WHEN DONE, AND THE GREAT HILDA SOLIS'S GROUP COME TOGETHER AND
13 BRING THAT KIND OF THING FORWARD, IT SHOWS A LOT. IT SAYS A
14 LOT. IT SAYS WE'RE TRYING TO GET SOME STUFF GOING THERE, AND I
15 DO APPRECIATE IT. REGARDING SAVINGS, I THOUGHT THAT
16 PRESENTATION ABOUT SAVINGS WAS NICE. DAVID RUE HAS A PROGRAM
17 WHICH YOU PROBABLY HAVE HEARD ABOUT, TO CHUNK OFF SOME MONEY
18 TO GIVE TO STUDENTS. I DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN APPROVED, BUT
19 HE'S BIG ON GETTING THAT GOING. BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT WITH
20 PUBLIC MONEY, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO GET
21 PEOPLE INTO THAT ACTIVITY. AND WE TALKED ABOUT WHITTIER
22 NARROWS ALREADY. I WILL SAY THAT THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER,
23 ITEM NO. 5, SOUNDS PROMISING. I APPRECIATE THAT THERE WILL BE
24 A RANGE OF KINDS OF SERVICES. I WAS A LITTLE BIT UPSET, AS YOU
25 KNOW, LAST WEEK, WHEN WE APPROVED THE GIANT MENTAL HEALTH SORT

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1 OF RITE OF THE JAIL. AND I... I DON'T KNOW. I FEEL LIKE WE
2 CAN'T OVERLOOK THAT BIG MISTAKE AND TRY TO FIND A WAY TO BACK
3 AROUND TO DOWNSIZING THAT, RIGHTSIZING THAT, AND CREATING FIVE
4 SEPARATE FACILITIES, HOPEFULLY. I DID TALK, ALSO, WITH SHERIN,
5 WHO HAS AGREED TO COME TO STUDIO CITY TO TALK ABOUT MENTAL
6 HEALTH. I'D LIKE TO INVITE SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR
7 BARGER, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LIBRARY FORUM THING WHERE
8 WE REALLY HAVE INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, AND WE DON'T WANT TO
9 THROW FRUIT OR VEGETABLES; WE WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS AND BE
10 HELPFUL. SO THAT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. I WILL SAY ABOUT THE
11 WHITTIER NARROWS ITEM QUICKLY, AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION, MS.
12 WICKHAM, YOU MAY RECALL WE DRAGGED THEM INTO THE NEW YORK
13 TIMES A COUPLE YEARS AGO. THEY ARE SUING THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES, THE GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHILE MR. RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS WAS OUT FOR A QUICK LUNCH, THEY FILED A LAWSUIT-- NOT A
16 LAWSUIT, BUT A LEGAL ACTION THAT'S GOING TO BE A LAWSUIT IF WE
17 DON'T DEAL WITH THEM. AND MY RESPONSE IS, SEND THEM OUR WAY,
18 BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21
22 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

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1 **GERALDINE MANNING:** HELLO. MY NAME IS GERALDINE MANNING. HEREIN
2 I SPEAK AS THE ORACLE OF THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST. WHEN I WAS
3 LAST HERE, ONE OF THE TIMES I WAS LAST HERE, I REPORTED THAT
4 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS HAD THREATENED TO DESTROY THE LORD GOD
5 JESUS CHRIST'S ENTIRE CIVILIZATION, AND I HAVE REPORTED THAT
6 THIS IS THE END OF THE WORLD. YOU ALL KNOW WHO I AM. THIS IS A
7 MANIFESTATION OF A SPIRITUAL WARFARE. HERE IS THE DECISION THE
8 FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT MADE. I WOULD LIKE THE MOTION--

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

11

12 **GERALDINE MANNING:** MY CIVIL CASE WAS DECLINED FOR ME TO FILE--

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, YOU'VE SIGNED UP-- EXCUSE ME. YOU'VE
15 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ABOUT APPOINTMENTS.

16

17 **GERALDINE MANNING:** I'M SPEAKING ABOUT THE APPOINTMENTS AND
18 REASSERTION. I FIND THIS ITEM NO. 4 FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND
19 REAPPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE'S SPECIAL
20 DISTRICT'S...

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE SIGNED UP FOR.

23

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1 **GERALDINE MANNING:** RIGHT. I FIND IT BRIBERY. AND HERE I WOULD
2 LIKE TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-- HILDA SOLIS HAS
3 COPIED EVERY ASPECT OF MY HUMANITY.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** STAY ON THE TOPIC OF THE COMMITTEE.

6

7 **GERALDINE MANNING:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE COUNTY OF
8 LOS ANGELES THAT YOU ARE HEREBY CLOSED DOWN.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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12 **GERALDINE MANNING:** AND YOU ARE ORDERED TO CLOSE DOWN THE
13 COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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17 **GERALDINE MANNING:** IT IS NOT A JOKE.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **GERALDINE MANNING:** AND I HOPE YOU TAKE ME SERIOUSLY. IF NOT--

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GEORGE, YOU'RE NEXT.

24

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1 **GERALDINE MANNING:** BE PREPARED. BE PREPARED FOR A RUDE
2 AWAKENING. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DIDN'T LEAVE HIS PEOPLE IN
3 A BURNING HOUSE. WE'RE NOT HIS PEOPLE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, GEORGE.

6

7 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** IT'S OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO LET HER FINISH.

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9 **GERALDINE MANNING:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET ME FINISH. I FINISH
10 ON MY OWN.

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12 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I CAN LET YOU FINISH IF I WANT, LADY. AND BY
13 THE WAY--

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GEORGE.

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17 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** THIS ISN'T A RELIGIOUS COUNTRY, LADY. I WISH
18 THE PEOPLE WOULD WAKE UP TO THAT, ESPECIALLY EVANGELICAL
19 IDIOTS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TRY TO STAY ON TOPIC. WHAT DID HE SIGN UP
22 FOR?

23

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1 **SPEAKER:** 5-- ESTABLISH A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER OF M.L.K. LADY,
2 I'M SPEAKING. BE QUIET. BE QUIET WHILE I'M SPEAKING. YOU'RE ON
3 MY TIME.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU'VE SIGNED UP FOR 5 AND 15.

6

7 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I'M TRYING TO SPEAK TO IT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'RE LISTENING.

10

11 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AT M.L.K. VERY
12 IMPORTANT. SHERIN AIN'T GONNA TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS, BECAUSE
13 I'M PUTTING SHERIN IN JAIL. AND IF YOU PEOPLE DON'T WATCH OUT,
14 I'M PUTTING YOU IN JAIL, TOO. WHEN YOU SEE WHAT I'M BRINGING
15 UP AT PUBLIC COMMENT, HOW YOU BEEN BREAKING THE LAW, YOU
16 BETTER HAVE SOME FEAR IN YOUR YOU-KNOW-WHAT. NOW, THESE PEOPLE
17 IN THE INNER CITY DESERVE SOME JUSTICE. THESE KIDS ARE BORN
18 INTO TERRIBLE FAMILIES. IT'S THE PRE-BIRTH TO PRISON PIPELINE.
19 YOU GET THAT IN YOUR HEAD. SCHOOLS DON'T START THIS MESS. AND
20 THESE PEOPLE NEED TO BE PROPERLY HELPED, WHO HAVE NO CHANCE,
21 OKAY? LEGAL REPRESENTATION. 15 FOR PHYSICIANS OF THE MEDICAL
22 BOARD. YES, THEY SHOULD BE PROTECTED IF THEY DIDN'T BREAK THE
23 LAW. BUT WHY ARE YOU PROTECTING PEOPLE THAT BREAK THE LAW?
24 YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL'S A JOKE. THEY BREAK THE BAR RULES ALL THE
25 TIME. I'VE POINTED THEM OUT TO YOU ALL THE TIME. MARY "THE

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1 WICKED WITCH" WICKHAM IS GOING TO BE LOSING HER [EXPLETIVE]
2 BAR LICENSE. AND ALL OF YOUR--

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, MAKE SURE YOU STAY ON TOPIC.

5

6 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I'M ON THE TOPIC. YOU'RE NOT ON THE TOPIC.
7 YOU'RE GOING TO BE PUT ON THE TOPIC.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE... ON TOPIC.

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, AND I WANT TO
16 TALK FIRST TO ITEM 4. YOU KNOW, EVERY TIME I SEE AN
17 APPOINTMENT FOR THE H.I.V. COMMISSION, IT MAKES ME UPSET,
18 BECAUSE IT'S ALWAYS SOMEBODY WHO EITHER PROVIDES CARE TO
19 PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. OR HAVE H.I.V. THEMSELVES. AND THAT
20 NEEDS TO STOP AT SOME POINT. AND I KNOW, EVENTUALLY, I WILL
21 SUCCEED ON THAT. AND THEN I WILL SPEAK TO ITEM 15, ABOUT THE
22 LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE PHYSICIANS AT THE MEDICAL BOARD.
23 THAT CONCERNS ME A LOT, BECAUSE AS A RULE, THE MEDICAL BOARD
24 IS NOT VERY ATTENTIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE CONSUMER, AND NOT
25 VERY MUCH FOR PHYSICIANS. SO THAT CONCERNS ME A LOT. BUT I

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1 DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFICS OF THE CASE, SO I CANNOT PONTIFICATE
2 ON THAT. AND THEN ON ITEM 16, TO MY CHAGRIN, I SEE 38 NEW
3 CONTRACTS FOR H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. TO BE DISHED OUT FOR A
4 LITTLE BIT OVER 59 MILLION, SO THAT'S QUITE A SUBSTANTIAL
5 AMOUNT. AND I DON'T LIKE THAT, EITHER. BUT THEN ON ITEM 17,
6 IT'S A REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON REFORM AND
7 OVERSIGHT. IT'S QUITE INTERESTING, AND I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO
8 HAVE HAD IT PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF
9 QUESTIONS I HAVE ON THAT REPORT, WITH A NON-REPORT, AS USUAL.
10 AND ON ITEM CS-2, I'M REALLY CONCERNED WHEN I SEE THE NAME OF
11 "GHALY, CHRISTINA," AND "GHALY, MARK" NEGOTIATING ON THE SAME
12 SIDE OF THE TABLE. THAT LOOKS NOT VERY KOSHER TO ME. AND I
13 DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO NEGOTIATE, ESPECIALLY WHERE
14 WE ARE SPEAKING ABOUT THE NEGOTIATION, ABOUT PURCHASING ST.
15 VINCENT HOSPITAL. AND IT WOULD BE NICE, INSTEAD OF PUTTING
16 JUST THE ADDRESS YOU SET UP, IT IS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ST.
17 VINCENT. I HAPPEN TO KNOW, BECAUSE I'M VERY NOSY, OKAY?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OUI.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND I ALSO KNOW THE GHALYS ARE NOT THE
22 FAVORITE NEGOTIATORS, SO I WOULD THINK YOU SHOULD REASSESS
23 THAT. AND WHEN WE GET A REPORT FROM THE GHALYS, I RECEIVE 10
24 PAGES OF THAT REPORT. AND YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT PRIVILEGED
25 LIKE I AM, YOU JUST GOT SIX PAGES. SO THIS MORNING, I

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1 DISTRIBUTED TO THREE OF YOU THE COMPLETE REPORT, AND I WOULD
2 LIKE MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL TO GET THE REAL REPORT.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MERCI. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER
6 SPEAKERS UNDER THIS ITEM?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS THAT
11 SIGNED UP ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
12 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS ON WHICH WE WILL BE
13 VOTING.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 4, 5, 12,
16 14, 15, 16, 18-B, 18-C, 18-D.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
20 THE ORDER. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM
21 THE SECOND DISTRICT ON A SPECIAL ITEM. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
25 COLLEAGUES. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ IN A

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1 MOTION, WHICH IS CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THE
2 BOARD'S FORMAL DELIBERATION NEXT WEEK, RELATED TO PROPERTY
3 ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE P.A.C.E.
4 PROGRAM. AS ALL OF YOU WILL RECALL, THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN
5 PLACE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. IT WAS ENVISIONED TO BE AN
6 INNOVATIVE STRATEGY TO FINANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE
7 ENERGY, AND WATER CONSERVATION UPGRADES, THEREBY REDUCING THE
8 CARBON FOOTPRINT AND LONG-TERM ENERGY COSTS. WHILE THE
9 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM HAS SUCCESSFULLY FACILITATED THIS ON MANY
10 RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES ACROSS THE NATION, WE
11 CONTINUED TO SEE JURISDICTIONS AUTHORIZE THE PROGRAM WITHOUT
12 SUFFICIENT CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE
13 PROTOCOLS. I WANT TO REPEAT THAT: WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CONSUMER
14 PROTECTIONS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROTOCOLS. AND SO SENATE
15 BILL 242 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 18, SENATE BILL 1284, PASSED LAST
16 YEAR, WHICH SOUGHT TO IMPROVE THIS. THERE IS AN UNACCEPTABLE
17 NUMBER OF CASES WHERE CONTRACTORS, PREDOMINANTLY OPERATING
18 OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY-ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS HAVE MISLED
19 HOMEOWNERS ON THE SCALE AND SCOPE OF ELIGIBLE P.A.C.E.-FUNDED
20 PROJECTS, DELIVERED POOR QUALITY PROJECTS, OR WERE UNCLEAR
21 WITH THEIR CLIENTS ABOUT HOW THE ASSESSMENTS WOULD ULTIMATELY
22 RAISE THE PROPERTY OWNER'S TAXES. ALL OF THESE ISSUES ARE
23 HUGELY PROBLEMATIC, AS I'M SURE YOU READILY SEE AND/OR
24 UNDERSTAND. THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
25 CURRENTLY HAS 200 ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS. I DID SAY 200 ACTIVE

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1 INVESTIGATIONS. AND WHILE THE COUNTY HAS PROTOCOLS IN PLACE
2 FOR RESOLVING CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR PROGRAM,
3 P.A.C.E. PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY HAVE NOT
4 LIVED UP TO OUR STANDARDS. DESPITE THIS, THE AUDITOR-
5 CONTROLLER IS OBLIGATED TO PUT THESE P.A.C.E.-RELATED
6 ASSESSMENTS ON THE ANNUAL SECURED PROPERTY TAX ROLL. IT IS
7 INCUMBENT UPON THE INVOLVED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT
8 THERE IS AN EFFICIENT AND ROBUST PROTOCOL IN PLACE TO
9 INVESTIGATE AND ADDRESS CONSUMER COMPLAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH
10 THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, WHETHER THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS ENTERED
11 INTO THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM, OR PROGRAM NOT ADMINISTERED BY THE
12 COUNTY. THE COUNTY THEN SHOULD ALSO AGGRESSIVELY ADVOCATE FOR
13 STATE LEGISLATION THAT ENSURES OPTIMAL CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
14 QUALITY ASSURANCES ARE EMBEDDED WITHIN THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM
15 STATEWIDE. I HAVE TO SAY THAT THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION IN
16 THE MARKETPLACE, AND THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE TO PROTECT
17 OUR CONSUMERS, OUR CONSTITUENTS, THOSE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING
18 IN THE PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AND ARE FUNDING,
19 GET CONFUSED WITH THESE OTHER ONES. AND SO IT'S IN OUR
20 INTEREST TO MOVE WELL BEYOND THOSE THAT WE NARROWLY HAVE
21 DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR. SO THE THRUST OF THE MOTION IS AS
22 FOLLOWS, WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS NEXT WEEK: WE WISH TO INSTRUCT
23 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
24 AFFAIRS, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TREASURER AND TAX
25 COLLECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES, AND COUNTY

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1 COUNSEL, ALL FOUR ENTITIES REPORT BACK IN NO LESS THAN 60 DAYS
2 WITH THE FOLLOWING: A COMPREHENSIVE PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING
3 CONSUMER COMPLAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY, WITH BOTH THE
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE NON-COUNTY-ADMINISTERED P.A.C.E.
5 PROGRAMS. THIS STRIKES US AS BEING FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT;
6 THEN A SUMMARY PLAN OF ACTION TO OPERATIONALIZE FURTHER
7 REFINEMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN THE CONSUMER
8 PROTECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTY-ADMINISTERED P.A.C.E.
9 PROGRAMS, AND CAN INFORM STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TO
10 IMPROVE THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, WHICH SHOULD, AT MINIMUM,
11 INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL P.A.C.E. PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS
12 BE INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED BEFORE PAYMENT IS AUTHORIZED. AN
13 AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION STRATEGY SHOULD BE PURSUED, SPECIFIC TO
14 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE A PROVEN HISTORY OF
15 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PROGRAM AND PROMOTION OF
16 PREDATORY LENDING TYPE ACTIVITIES. SECOND POINT THAT WE WISH
17 TO MAKE HERE IS TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, IN COOPERATION WITH THE
19 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF I.S.D. TO
20 DEVELOP AND ANALYZE A HEAT MAP OF PROPERTIES, WHERE THE COUNTY
21 HAS RECEIVED P.A.C.E. PROGRAM-RELATED COMPLAINTS, AND WHERE
22 THE PROPERTIES WITH P.A.C.E. LOANS ARE IN TAX DEFAULT, AND
23 BEGIN CONDUCTING TARGETED OUTREACH TO THOSE COMMUNITIES TO
24 EDUCATE THEM ABOUT P.A.C.E. FINANCING, AND ALERTING THEM TO
25 THE POTENTIAL SCAMS OR FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY AS QUICKLY AS

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1 POSSIBLE. AND THIS MOST ASSUREDLY DEALS WITH OUR ELDERLY
2 POPULATION. AND FINALLY, DIRECT THE COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE
3 ADVOCATES TO CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY ADVOCATE FOR LEGISLATION
4 THAT OPTIMIZES CONSUMER PROTECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
5 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. MADAM CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, WE'LL
6 TAKE THIS UP NEXT WEEK. I WANT THIS TO BE ON THE MINDS OF THE
7 BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE STAFF MEMBERS. THIS IS A
8 VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US TO TACKLE. AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-AUTHORSHIP.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND REMIND EVERYONE WE ARE NOT
12 TAKING ACTION ON THIS, BUT THIS WILL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE
13 AGENDA. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. NOW IT'S
14 APPROPRIATE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
15 ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER
16 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CAN YOU
17 CALL THOSE FOLKS UP?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
20 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
21 ERIC PREVEN, ESIQUIO REYES. GEORGE BUZZETTI, JOSE MARTINEZ,
22 LARRY LAVEN, LYDIA PONCE, RED CHIEF HUNT, STEWART SILVER,
23 THOMAS FARMER, WEST SEEGMILLER, HERMAN HERMAN. PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, AND
2 I WANTED TO GET ON THE RECORD THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
3 ERIC PREVEN FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THEM ABOUT THE BROWN ACT,
4 WHICH IS THE RULES THAT GOVERN OUR OPEN MEETINGS, AND I'M JUST
5 GOING TO READ QUICKLY. "GIVEN THE PLAIN LANGUAGE OF THE
6 STATUTE AND ITS LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, WE FIND THAT THE BROWN
7 ACT DOES NOT PERMIT LIMITING COMMENT AT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
8 MEETINGS BASED ON COMMENTS AT PRIOR DISTINCT COMMITTEE
9 MEETINGS. PREVEN ADEQUATELY ALLEGED A CLAIM THAT HE WAS
10 IMPROPERLY DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE AGENDA
11 ITEM AT A SPECIAL MEETING. PREVEN HAS ALSO ADEQUATELY ALLEGED
12 A PATTERN OF CONDUCT BY THE CITY AT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
13 MEETINGS IN VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. HE THEREFORE STATED A
14 CLAIM IN HIS AMENDED PETITION FOR A WRIT OF MANDATE AND
15 COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF UNDER THE BROWN ACT. AND SO
16 WHAT IT MEANS IS THAT WE ALL HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB. THE
17 APPELLATE COURT WAS VERY CLEAR. AND IT IRKED ME A LITTLE BIT
18 THAT WE WERE HONORING THE GREAT SUPERVISING JUDGE FOR THE
19 SUPERIOR COURT, BECAUSE THEY WERE THE ONES WHO MADE THE WRONG
20 RULING TWICE. SO IT UPSETS ME THAT WE DO THAT, AND I HOPE THAT
21 THEY WOULD TAKE A COMMENT, WHICH THEY DIDN'T.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **ESQUIO:** HI. MY NAME'S ESIQUIO REYES. AS TIME PASSES, WE MUST
2 NOT ASSUME THAT HOMELESSNESS IS DONE AND DEALT WITH. IT IS
3 WITHIN REASON THAT MANY NOT DEALING WITH THE EVERYDAY TORMENTS
4 ONE FACES WHILE THE TRANSITION OF HOMELESSNESS SETS INTO ANY
5 PERSON THAT IS FACED WITH SAID ISSUE COULD COME TO A
6 CONCLUSION THAT ALLOWS THEM TO THINK THAT IT IS NOT OKAY, OR
7 TO KEEP THE ISSUE AT THE FOREFRONT FOR MANY ISSUES GROWING. A
8 FEW PROGRAMS WITHIN PLACE THROUGHOUT L.A. HELP HOMELESSNESS.
9 MUCH OF THE INFORMATION KEPT AND GIVEN OUT BY THESE PROGRAMS
10 NEED TO BE UP TO DATE. AS MANY REMEMBER, THE PAST SHUTDOWN
11 PROMPTED AN EARLY RELEASE OF FUNDS THAT ALL THOSE UTILIZING
12 G.R. IN TURN, MANY HOMELESS HAD TO TURN TO OTHER WAYS TO FIND,
13 FOR A WHOLE MONTH, TO EAT, ONCE THEIR ONLY MEANS TO EAT RAN
14 OUT. THE COLD, THE RAIN, AN EMPTY STOMACH, WORRIES ABOUT HOW,
15 WHERE, WHY, AND WHEN, AGAIN, DO CHANGE PERSPECTIVES. MANY
16 DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOME OF
17 THE INFORMATION GIVEN OUT, SHOWING TIME, LOCATIONS OF FOOD
18 PANTRIES, OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOT UP TO DATE. PLEASE
19 KEEP IN MIND, WALKING FOR MILES IN THE RAIN, THE COLD, OR ANY
20 KIND OF TEMPERATURE CAN AND DOES WEAR ON ANY AND ALL PERSONS.
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

24

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1 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LARRY
2 LAVEN, AND I'M FROM ENCINO. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT JAILS. AT
3 THE AGE OF 18, I WENT TO JAIL FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE,
4 AND REHABILITATED. GOING THROUGH COUNTY JAIL WAS SCARY, AND IT
5 SCARED ME STRAIGHT. FORTUNATELY, I DID MY TIME ON A RANCH,
6 WHICH IS INTERESTING, BECAUSE INSTEAD OF LIVING IN A CINDER-
7 BLOCK CELL OR DORMITORY BUILT WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE, I
8 LIVED IN A QUONSET HUT, ORIGINALLY BUILT AS PART OF A JAPANESE
9 INTERMENT CAMP, AND PROBABLY BUILT FOR A LOT LESS MONEY THAN
10 WHAT A CONCRETE JAIL, CONTROLLED BY COMPUTERS AND FILLED WITH
11 WIRES AND SECURITY CAMERAS, COSTS. FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING
12 MONEY, I URGE THE BOARD TO LOOK INTO BUILDING LESS EXPENSIVE
13 JAILS FOR THOSE CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANORS OR NONVIOLENT
14 FELONIES. I DO NOT KNOW IF THE QUONSET HUTS ARE STILL AT
15 WAYSIDE IN SAUGUS, BUT IF THEY TORE THEM DOWN, THEY THREW
16 MONEY AWAY. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, SINCE WE'RE ON THE TOPIC ABOUT JUDGES,
21 HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE BAD NEWS ABOUT THE JUDGES OF LOS
22 ANGELES, HOW THEY'RE SIDING ON ONE SIDE VERSUS THE OTHER, BUT
23 IN FAVOR OF THOSE WHO ARE THE PERPETRATORS OF LIES, LIKE THE
24 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AS BROUGHT TO YOU BY ERIC PREVEN, AND
25 ALSO BROUGHT TO YOU BY MR. GEORGE BUZZETTI IN HIS COMMENT? IN

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1 MY HAND IS HIS FILE. HIS FILE INDICATES THAT HE WAS BEING
2 SUPPRESSED BY JUDGES, AND SAID, "YOU HAVE NO ACTION IN OUR
3 COURTS." BUT HE SHOULD. ALL OF US HAVE A PROCESS CALLED DUE
4 PROCESS. AND FOR THAT REASON, I CAN SAY THAT THE JUDGES OF LOS
5 ANGELES-- I'LL GIVE YOU ONE NAME IN PARTICULAR. CAROL GOODSON,
6 WHO LIKES TO SET UP PEOPLE ON T.R.O.S, TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
7 ORDERS. SHE'S A MALICIOUS, ANGRY PERSON, AND SHOULDN'T BE ON
8 BOARD AS A JUDGE, PERIOD. AND AS FAR AS GOING BACK TO WHAT THE
9 CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS DONE, THEY ARE CHALLENGING THE
10 POTENTIAL SPEECH IN WHICH THEY, WITH ABSENCE OF ANY
11 REGULATION, AND RECEIVE SOME FIRST AMENDMENT, HAVE NO IDEA
12 WHAT OUR PROTECTIONS AND RIGHTS ARE, AS WE'VE INDICATED, AS WE
13 CHAIR THE FLOOR, WHEN WE CONTROL THE MIC. SO, BECAUSE OF
14 SIGNIFICANT FIRST AMENDMENT CONTENT, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, IT IS
15 A DELICATE AND VULNERABLE SITUATION THAT WE HAVE JUDGES
16 REGULATE, AND THIS BOARD, AND THE CITY OF L.A., BY A TERRORIST
17 UNDER THE NAME OF HERMAN JASON WESSON, WHO INITIATED UNDER
18 ERIC GARCETTI THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATION. ALL OF YOU SHOULD GO
19 TO JAIL, AS BUZZETTI SAYS. AND I'LL SAY IT FOR THE RECORD:
20 SOME OF YOU SHOULD GO TO JAIL NOW.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I'M GOING TO FOLLOW UP WITH THAT. HERE'S THE
25 REASON WHY I WAS DOING WHAT I DID WITH BRAZILE. HOW IS IT THAT

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1 I HAVE HERE MR. VIGNAZI PROSECUTING ME, BUT HE DOESN'T EXIST
2 AS A LAWYER? MR. BRAZILE, YOU [EXPLETIVE] CRIMINAL. HOW AM I
3 PROSECUTED BY MR. JORDAN? NO BAR LICENSE. HUH? LAST JULY 13TH,
4 JUDGE-- NO. ON THE THIRD, JUDGE STENNIS, IN A CRIMINAL COURT,
5 SENDS ME TO DIVISION 95, MARY "THE WICKED WITCH" WICKHAM. THEN
6 JUDGE STENNIS IS TRANSFERRED BY THAT PIG BRAZILE OVER TO
7 MENTAL HEALTH COURT TO [EXPLETIVE] ME AGAIN, AND HE DECLARES
8 ME COMPETENT. AND A WEEK AFTER THAT, HE DECLARES ME
9 INCOMPETENT FOR THE FOURTH TIME. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE HELL
10 DOUBLE JEOPARDY IS, QUADRUPLE JEOPARDY, QUINTUPLE JEOPARDY?
11 YOU'RE ALL IN DEEP TROUBLE. BECAUSE YOU ALLOW HIM TO DO THIS.
12 AND THEN YOUR STUPID COPS WITH YOU HELP EMPLOY YOUR DOUBLE
13 METHODOLOGY OF, "OH, YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US, SO YOU CAN'T SAY
14 JACK." BUT YOUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS CAN DO EVERYTHING TO GET YOUR
15 SO-CALLED ILLEGAL PUBLIC SPEAKING THAT I GAVE YOU TO 2012. OH,
16 AND DAMN, DIDN'T I JUST FIND A LETTER FROM THE A.C.L.U. ON THE
17 SAME [EXPLETIVE] SUBJECT? EXCEPT WHAT DOES ELIASBERG SAY TO ME
18 THE LAST TIME? "OH, GEORGE, YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYWHERE." DO
19 YOU REMEMBER COINTELPRO, HUH? WHO THE [EXPLETIVE] DO YOU THINK
20 IS RUNNING HIM AND YOU? YOU DON'T RUN YOURSELVES. YOU ARE
21 TOTALLY CONTROLLED.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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25 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU GOT TO DEAL WITH THIS NOW.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** YOU CRIMINAL PIECES OF TRASH.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CHIEF, GO AHEAD.

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8 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OH, I FORGOT. HERE'S ONE OTHER PIECE I

9 FORGOT.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD. [YELLING CONTINUES.]

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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15 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR

16 BEING PATIENT. MY OLD THEORY IS, DEMOCRATS SOLVE PROBLEMS AND

17 PUT PEOPLE FIRST. THANKS FOR HAVING THAT AT HEART, AND THINGS

18 LIKE THAT. THIS IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE

19 ANGRY, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. I LIKE PEOPLE THAT SOLVE

20 PROBLEMS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME SOLVE ONE OF

21 MY PROBLEMS IN THE HOMELESS FIELD, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. WE

22 STILL HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

23 ACTUALLY, I'M GOING TO THE L.A.H.S.A. MEETINGS AND THINGS LIKE

24 THAT, FINDING OUT THROUGH THE PUBLIC WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON

25 WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS, WITH HOW PEOPLE ARE BEING HOUSED,

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1 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. I THINK THAT HAS A LOT TO DO WITH PEOPLE
2 OF COLOR BEING HOUSED, AND HOMELESS PEOPLE BEING HOUSED, AND
3 THINGS LIKE THAT. SO I'M INVESTIGATING THAT. BUT I WANT TO
4 THANK YOU FOR YOUR UTMOST BEING PATIENT. REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE
5 UP THERE ON THAT SEAT, PATIENCE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. A
6 LOT OF PEOPLE'S MENTAL CAPABILITY IS NOT UP TO POWER, AND
7 THINGS LIKE THAT, AND YOU SHOW A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE.
8 THANKS FOR BEING LIKE YOUR DAD, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. THE
9 RED CHIEF HUNT. THANK YOU, JANICE.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RED CHIEF HUNT. DOES THAT
12 CONCLUDE OUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC? OKAY. NOW IT'S APPROPRIATE
13 FOR US TO DO ADJOURNMENTS, AND WE'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR
14 KUEHL.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN
17 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEANNE BELLMAN, TEACHER WHO
18 DIED ON FEBRUARY 17TH. TAUGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SUPPORTED HER
19 HUSBAND THROUGH GRAD SCHOOL, HELPED HIM LAUNCH HIS CAREER AS A
20 PROFESSOR AND A SCHOLAR OF AMERICAN LITERATURE. A LIFELONG
21 LEARNER, SHE LOVED WRITING AND EXPLORING OTHER CULTURES. SHE'S
22 SURVIVED BY ONE OF OUR FRIENDS, HER SON, JOEL BELLMAN, AND HIS
23 BROTHER JONATHAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID HOROWITZ, REPORTER AND CONSUMER
25 ADVOCATE, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 14TH. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS

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1 APPEARANCES ON K.N.B.C.'S NEWSCASTS AND HIS EMMY-WINNING T.V.
2 PROGRAM "FIGHT BACK WITH DAVID HOROWITZ." HE TOOK PRIDE IN
3 GIVING BALANCED COVERAGE ON CONSUMER ISSUES. HE WROTE FOR "THE
4 HUNTLEY-BRINKLEY REPORT," HE APPEARED ON "THE TONIGHT SHOW,"
5 "SILVER SPOONS," "A.L.F.," "THE GOLDEN GIRLS," AND "SAVED BY
6 THE BELL." HE ADVOCATED BANNING REALISTIC TOY GUNS IN
7 CALIFORNIA AFTER BEING TAKEN HOSTAGE WITH ONE ON LIVE
8 TELEVISION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUZANNE AND HIS TWO
9 DAUGHTERS.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET'S HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE.

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT. THIS ONE, TOO, PERHAPS. I MOVE THAT
14 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DIRECTOR
15 STANLEY DONEN, PIONEER OF DANCE IN FILM. LENT HIS IMAGINATION
16 TO ICONIC MOVIE MUSICALS, INCLUDING "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN," "ON
17 THE TOWN," AND "ROYAL WEDDING." HE CONCEIVED AND REALIZED MANY
18 FIRSTS IN SPECIAL EFFECTS, INCLUDING JEAN KELLY'S DANCE NUMBER
19 WITH JERRY THE MOUSE IN IN "ANCHORS AWEIGH," FRED ASTAIRE'S
20 FAMOUS DANCE SEQUENCE UP THE WALLS AND ACROSS THE CEILING IN
21 "ROYAL WEDDING." HIS NONMUSICAL DIRECTING CREDITS INCLUDE
22 "INDISCRETE," "CHARADE," "ARABESQUE," AND "TWO FOR THE ROAD,"
23 WITH STARS LIKE CARY GRANT, AUDREY HEPBURN, GREGORY PECK, AND
24 SOPHIA LOREN. AMONG HIS MANY AWARDS AND HONORS, HE RECEIVED AN
25 HONORARY ACADEMY AWARD FOR HIS ENTIRE BODY OF WORK, AND IN HIS

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1 ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, HE TAP-DANCED AND SANG WITH HIS OSCAR. HE'S
2 SURVIVED BY HIS PARTNER ELAINE, AND HIS CHILDREN PETER,
3 JOSHUA, AND MARK.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE, AS WELL.

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7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
8 IN MEMORY OF STANLEY ALBERT WOLPERT, AN AUTHOR AND PROFESSOR,
9 A HISTORIAN OF INDIA, WHO PUBLISHED 15 BOOKS AND WAS EDITOR-
10 IN-CHIEF OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INDIA. HE WAS AWARDED THE PELL
11 MEDAL, THE WATAMULL, PRIZE AND U.C.L.A.'S DISTINGUISHED
12 TEACHING AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARDS. HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN
13 OF THE U.C.L.A. DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR
14 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND TAUGHT UNTIL HE WAS 90 YEARS OLD. HE'S
15 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOROTHY, AND HIS SONS DANIEL AND ADAM.
16 AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
17 LIONEL BELL, BANKER AND JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER, WHO DIED ON
18 FEBRUARY 18TH. HE MADE HIS CAREER AS AN INVESTMENT BANKER AND
19 STOCKBROKER, BUT HE LED LOCAL AND NATIONAL JEWISH
20 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF JEWISH
21 COMMUNITY CENTERS OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, PRESIDENT OF THE
22 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF THE JEWISH
23 FEDERATION. HE LED THE EFFORT TO RAISE 25 MILLION DOLLARS TO
24 RENOVATE THE JEWISH FEDERATION'S GOLDSMITH CENTER. HE'S
25 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, NANCY AND RALPH. AND I MOVE THAT

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1 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID SANDERS,
2 PSYCHIATRIST, PHILANTHROPIST, AND QUEER RIGHTS ACTIVIST, WHO
3 DIED ON FEBRUARY 12TH. HIS RESEARCH WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
4 REMOVING HOMOSEXUALITY FROM THE DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL
5 MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS. HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF
6 PSYCHIATRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS OF NEW YORK, RAN
7 THE PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT CEDARS SINAI MEDICAL
8 CENTER, AND MAINTAINED HIS PRIVATE PRACTICE FOR OVER 30 YEARS.
9 HE TAUGHT AT COLUMBIA AND U.C.L.A. AMONG HIS PHILANTHROPIC
10 CAUSES WERE THE ARTS AND THE STUDY OF SEXUALITY AND THE LAW.
11 HE WROTE "GROWING UP BEFORE STONEWALL: LIFE STORIES OF SOME
12 GAY MEN," AMONG OTHER PUBLICATIONS. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT
13 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DICK SOMMERS,
14 QUEER ACTIVIST AND LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF
15 L.A., WHO HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE QUEER-FRIENDLY METROPOLITAN
16 COMMUNITY CHURCH, FOUNDED THE FIRST L.G.B.T.Q. GROUP FOR
17 KAISER PERMANENTE EMPLOYEES, CONTRIBUTED TO THE GAY NEWS
18 MAGAZINE "THE ADVOCATE," AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE PIONEERING
19 GAY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY. HE SUED THE
20 AIR FORCE AFTER BEING STRIPPED OF SECURITY CLEARANCE DUE TO
21 HIS SEXUALITY, AND HE SANG WITH THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS FOR
22 ALMOST 40 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY ALL HIS FRIENDS IN THE
23 CHORUS AND ELSEWHERE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT JOHN CORINA, WHO
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 58. HE WAS A 36-YEAR VETERAN OF OUR
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE SERVED AT THE HOMICIDE BUREAU AS BOTH
5 AN INVESTIGATOR AND A SUPERVISOR FOR ALMOST 15 YEARS, LEADING
6 DOZENS OF HIGH-PROFILE INVESTIGATIONS. PRIOR TO HIS HOMICIDE
7 ASSIGNMENT, HE SPENT 10 YEARS AS A GANG INVESTIGATOR, AND 6
8 YEARS AS A PATROLMAN. LIEUTENANT CORINA WAS A TENACIOUS
9 INVESTIGATOR, A TREMENDOUS SUPERVISOR, AND AN ICON AT THE
10 SHERIFF'S HOMICIDE DIVISION. HE WAS KNOWN FOR BRINGING DIGNITY
11 TO THEIR VICTIMS, AND A VOICE TO THE VOICELESS. HE TOUCHED
12 MANY LIVES OVER THE COURSE OF HIS SERVICE. I KNOW WE STOOD
13 WITH HIM WHEN WE HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT SOME DRIVE-BY
14 SHOOTINGS IN THE COUNTY, AND IT'S REALLY SAD. HE DIED WAY TOO
15 YOUNG. 'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HIS SON, AND HIS STEPDAUGHTER.
16 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
17 JOANN TURK, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE GREW UP ON A
18 FARM IN SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA, BUT MOVED TO HERMOSA BEACH
19 AFTER COLLEGE. OVER THREE DECADES, JOANN AND HER HUSBAND TERRY
20 OWNED AND OPERATED POLLY'S ON THE PIER IN REDONDO BEACH. THEY
21 ALSO OWNED OR MANAGED A HALF A DOZEN OTHER HARBOR BUSINESSES,
22 INCLUDING REDONDO BEACH SPORT FISHING AND THE WHALE WATCH.
23 JOANN WAS KNOWN FOR HER PHILANTHROPY AND COUNTLESS HOURS OF
24 VOLUNTEER SERVICE. SHE RECEIVED THE MAYOR'S LIFETIME
25 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR, AND VOLUNTEER OF THE

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1 YEAR FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF
2 REDONDO BEACH ROUND TABLE, AND WAS COFOUNDER OF CHEERS TO
3 CHILDREN. ALSO, THE LOBSTER FESTIVAL, THE REDONDO BEACH
4 VISITORS BUREAU, AND AN ANNUAL FISHING TRIP FOR STUDENTS WITH
5 SEVERE DISABILITIES. JOANN IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND TERRY.
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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8 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,
9 WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF LARRY URENA, A SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
10 RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 57. ORIGINALLY FROM
11 CANYON COUNTRY, LARRY GRADUATED FROM CANYON HIGH SCHOOL AND
12 ATTENDED U.C.L.A., WHERE HE STUDIED MUSIC AND WAS A PROUD
13 MEMBER OF THE ZETA BETA TAU FRATERNITY. LARRY WAS A SUCCESSFUL
14 DIGITAL MARKETING AND ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER FOR UNIVISION
15 AND WESTWOOD ONE. LARRY'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARIA, SON
16 JACK, AND DAUGHTER SAMANTHA. ALSO, FRANCISCO NOGALES, A 58-
17 YEAR RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
18 86. HE ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA ON A BASKETBALL
19 SCHOLARSHIP, WHERE HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE. HE PROUDLY
20 SERVED THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR, AND LATER
21 RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA TO GET HIS MASTER'S
22 DEGREE. HE WAS A LIFELONG EDUCATOR. HE TAUGHT AT PLACERITA
23 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR 10 YEARS, FOLLOWED BY 24 YEARS AS A
24 GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. FRANK IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND A
25 DAUGHTER. ALSO, NEIL PAPIANO, A RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, WHO

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1 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE WORKED AS A LAWYER FOR 53
2 YEARS, DURING WHICH HE HAD AN ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER. NEIL WAS
3 KNOWN FOR REPRESENTING MANY HIGH-PROFILE CLIENTS IN THE
4 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, THE THOROUGHBRED HORSE INDUSTRY, AND
5 THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS INDUSTRY. HE ALSO REPRESENTED
6 CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING AMERICAN AIRLINES, LOCKHEED MARTIN,
7 AND THE COCA-COLA COMPANY. NEIL WAS ALSO ACTIVE WITH CIVIC AND
8 POLITICAL MATTERS, SERVING AS A LAWYER AND COUNSEL TO L.A.
9 CITY, L.A. COUNTY, AND STATE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING RONALD
10 REAGAN WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. HE SERVED ON THE
11 BOARD OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, AND GAVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY
12 BY ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP AND THE NEIL PAPIANO PLAY PARK
13 IN GRIFFITH PARK. NEIL WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS WORK ON THE
14 BOARD OF ADVISORS FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF LOS
15 ANGELES. HE'S SURVIVED BY EVERYONE ON WHOM HE HAD AN IMPACT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK THERE'S A REQUEST FOR ALL MEMBERS ON
18 THAT ONE.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** ALSO, BARBARA SHALLER, A RESIDENT OF LA CANADA-
21 FLINTRIDGE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE WAS BORN IN
22 GERMANY, WHERE SHE LIVED UNTIL WORLD WAR II, AFTER WHICH SHE
23 MOVED. SHE MET HER HUSBAND, CHARLES SHALLER, IN 1951, AN
24 AMERICAN EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. ARMY. THEY MOVED TO HUMBOLDT,
25 AND LATER RELOCATED TO SOUTH PASADENA AND NEWPORT BEACH. SHE

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1 LATER STARTED A REAL-ESTATE CAREER IN LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE.
2 BARBARA AND CHARLES ENJOYED TRAVELING TOGETHER. THEY TRAVERSED
3 AROUND THE GLOBE. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER HUMOR AND
4 GENEROSITY. BARBARA'S SURVIVED BY HER SONS FREDERICK, CHARLES,
5 AND PHILIP, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.
6 ALSO, DIANE TOMOVICH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, WHO
7 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE
8 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES TO ATTEND
9 CHOUINARD ART INSTITUTE, AND MET HER HUSBAND OF 54 YEARS,
10 MITCHELL NIKOLA TOMOVICH. DIANE WAS A BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER,
11 GRANDMOTHER, AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER. HER KINDNESS AND
12 GENEROSITY SHOWED THROUGH IN EVERY PART OF HER LIFE. DIANE IS
13 SURVIVED BY HER SIBLINGS MARY AND STEVEN, HER DAUGHTERS
14 MILENA, LORETTA, DESA, NATALIE, AND DANICA. AND LAST, I MOVE
15 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE
16 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS
17 BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER, AND WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY
18 BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY
19 THIS PAST MONTH: VANCE AVIS, ARMY; GEORGE BAKER, MARINES;
20 THEODORE BERMAN, ARMY; MYRNA HALCROMB, NAVY; RANDOLPH
21 KENNEDY, ARMY; LARRY LARSEN, ARMY; DOUGLAS LINDER, ARMY;
22 MICHAEL MURPHY, MARINES; JOHN NORTON, ARMY; KENNETH PATTEN,
23 MARINES; KOJI KRISTOFFERSON, ARMY; ROBERT RODRIGUES, NAVY;
24 JOHN STEWARD, ARMY; RICHARD STEVENS, ARMY; PAUL WALSH,

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1 MARINES; AND HEDRICK WILLIAMS, ARMY. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
2 AND SACRIFICES AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
7 TODAY IN MEMORY OF ARMANDO M. RODRIGUEZ. ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ WAS
8 BORN IN 1922 IN GOMEZ PALACIO, MEXICO. HE FIRST CAME TO THE
9 UNITED STATES AS A CHILD, BUT WAS FORCED TO LEAVE DURING THE
10 MASS DEPORTATIONS DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION. HE AND HIS
11 FAMILY RETURNED A YEAR LATER, FOLLOWING THE BOMBING OF PEARL
12 HARBOR. MR. RODRIGUEZ JOINED THE U.S. ARMY, AFTER THE WAR
13 BECAME A TEACHER, AND BECAME ACTIVE IN THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN
14 CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. HE WENT ON TO LEAD SOUTHERN
15 CALIFORNIA'S CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE LATINO VOTER SUPPORT FOR
16 JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND WAS APPOINTED AS THE CHIEF OF THE U.S.
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE'S OFFICE OF
18 SPANISH-SPEAKING AMERICAN AFFAIRS. UPON MR. RODRIGUEZ'S RETURN
19 TO CALIFORNIA, HE BECAME THE FIRST LATINO PRESIDENT OF EAST
20 LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER APPOINTED HIM TO
21 THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION IN 1978, AND HE
22 CONTINUED TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION UNTIL 1983. MR. RODRIGUEZ
23 PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, FROM COMPLICATIONS OF A
24 STROKE. HE WAS A YOUNG 97 YEARS OF AGE. HE WAS SURVIVED BY A
25 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. AND

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1 FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY
2 OF FELIPE PLASCENCIA. A PROMINENT ATTORNEY, FELIPE PLASCENCIA
3 PERISHED IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH IN THE TEHACHAPI MOUNTAINS ON
4 THURSDAY NIGHT, AT THE AGE OF 53. MR. PLASCENCIA WAS AN
5 EXTREMELY WELL-RESPECTED TRIAL ATTORNEY AND POLITICAL
6 ACTIVIST. MR. PLASCENCIA WAS BORN IN JALISCO, MEXICO, IN 1965.
7 HE IMMIGRATED TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AT THE AGE OF 7 WITH
8 HIS PARENTS, THREE BROTHERS, AND A SISTER. HE ATTENDED LOS
9 AMIGOS HIGH SCHOOL IN FOUNTAIN VALLEY, AND THEN MATRICULATED
10 TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON, WHERE HE OBTAINED A
11 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. WHILE AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY
12 FULLERTON, PLASCENCIA ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN STUDENT
13 ORGANIZATIONS TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF LATINO AND OTHER
14 MINORITY STUDENTS. IN 1990, LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL ADMITTED MR.
15 PLASCENCIA, AND HE CONTINUED TO BE ACTIVE IN POLITICS,
16 FOCUSING ON ISSUES THAT IMPACTED THE WORKING POOR AND
17 UNDERSERVED IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. PRIOR TO OPENING HIS OWN
18 PRACTICE, MR. PLASCENCIA SERVED AS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY
19 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND A DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF
20 COMPTON. MR. PLASCENCIA WAS KNOWN FOR HIS CHARMING AND DOWN-
21 TO-EARTH STYLE IN FRONT OF A JURY, AND HIS RELENTLESS ADVOCACY
22 ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENTS. IN 2009, HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE
23 ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR BY THE MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.
24 PLASCENCIA REMAINED ACTIVE IN CALIFORNIA POLITICS, AND WAS
25 PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION POLITICAL

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1 ACTION COMMITTEE FROM 2005 UNTIL HIS PASSING. DURING HIS
2 PRESIDENCY, PLASCENCIA RAISED THE VISIBILITY OF THE M.A.B.A.
3 P.A.C. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SACRAMENTO. MR. PLASCENCIA
4 WOULD REGULARLY HOLD EVENTS AT HIS RESIDENCE IN LA HABRA
5 HEIGHTS, HOSTING PROMINENT MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM ARE HERE ON
6 THE DAIS, AMONG MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL
7 COMMUNITIES. MR. PLASCENCIA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE YOLANDA,
8 AND HIS DAUGHTERS MAGALI AND ALENA. ADDITIONALLY, HE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER RAFAEL, AND HIS SIBLINGS RAMON, ROSA,
10 MOISES, RAFAEL, JOSE, AND ERIKA. FELIPE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED
11 BY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND THE LATINO COMMUNITY.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT ONE, AS WELL. I'VE
14 BEEN TO THEIR HOME FOR THOSE EVENTS. I BELIEVE WE HAVE ONE
15 FROM SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AT YOUR
18 REQUEST, I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BISHOP LEMUEL
19 DANIEL WILLIAMS. AND YOU'LL KNOW THAT HE SERVED IN THE
20 MINISTRY FOR 44 YEARS, AND WAS THE PASTOR OF THE BAPTIST
21 CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT. THAT'S IN THE CITY OF NORWALK.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HE RETIRED FROM PASTORING SEVERAL YEARS
2 AGO, AS A RESULT OF HIS ILLNESSES. HE WAS INVOLVED IN BOTH THE
3 FAITH AND CIVIC COMMUNITIES, HAVING SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF
4 THE BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE FOR NEARLY A DECADE. A
5 PRESIDENT OF THE PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION FOR SOME
6 FOUR YEARS, AND THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE OF THE PROVIDENCE
7 DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. A CELEBRATION OF LIFE WILL BE HELD ON
8 FRIDAY, MARCH 1, AT THE CITIZENS OF ZION BAPTIST CHURCH IN
9 COMPTON AT 11 A.M. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AND WE INVITE OUR
10 CHAIR TO JOIN AS CO-AUTHOR OF THAT MOTION.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I KNEW HIM AND I CONSIDERED HIM A
13 FRIEND. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU. I WANTED TO GIVE A
14 SHOUTOUT TO OUR FRIENDS FROM C.A.P.E. WHO HAVE BEEN IN OUR
15 AUDITORIUM DURING OUR WHOLE MEETING. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
16 FOR YOUR RESPECTFUL ATTITUDE THAT YOU'VE HAD THIS WHOLE
17 MEETING. WE APPRECIATE THAT. WE SEE YOUR SIGN: C.A.P.E. NEEDS
18 A FAIR DEAL NOW. AND BE ASSURED THAT WE'RE WORKING TOWARD THAT
19 GOAL. THANK YOU. NOW READ US INTO... OH. RIGHT. MOTION AND
20 SECONDED TO APPROVE THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. THAT WILL BE THE
21 ORDER. PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
24 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
25 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, THE

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1 FINDING OF URGENCY AND THE NEED TO DISCUSS AN ADDITIONAL CASE
2 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH
3 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, TWO CASES;
4 ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR; ITEM CS-
5 3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED
6 LITIGATION; AND ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
7 SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE
8 POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2019

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Initiation of litigation (two cases) (19-1271)

The Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation and authorized settlement after initiation. The defendant(s) and the other particulars will, once the action is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry. The details of the settlement will be made available once finalized by all parties. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with all Supervisors present.

In the other case, the Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation. The defendant(s) and the other particulars will, once the action is formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry. The vote of the Board was unanimous, with all Supervisors present.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

To provide instructions to County real estate negotiators with respect to the possible acquisition of the following property:

Property: 2131 West 3rd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057

County Negotiators: Sachi A. Hamai, Dr. Christina Ghaly, David Howard, Dr. Mark Ghaly, Thomas Faughnan

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Negotiating Parties: Verity Health System of California, Inc.,
and affiliated entities

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms (19-1159)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case). (19-1416)

No reportable action was taken.

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer, and designated staff

Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU, Union of American Physicians and Dentists; Peace Officers Counsel of California; Association of Public Defender Investigators; Association of Deputy District Attorneys; Los Angeles County Association of Environmental Health Specialists, Professional Peace Officers Association; and

Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

No reportable action was taken.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 26, 2019,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th
16 day of March 2019, for the County records to be used only for
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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